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Dates to Remember

March 1, 2007	Last day to file Abatement Application for tax year 2006, per RSA 76:16.
April 1, 2007	All real property assessed to owner of records this date.
April 15, 2007	Last day to file for elderly, disabled, handicapped, and blind exemptions and veteran tax credits.
	Last day to file current use applications, per RSA 79-A.
	Last day for filing applications for tax-exempt properties and for special assessment of residences in industrial or commercial zone, per RSA 75:11.
May 1, 2007	Dog licenses expire.
May 15, 2007	Timber Tax Report of Cut due.
June 30, 2007	Fiscal year ends.
July 1, 2007	Fiscal year begins.
December 1, 2007	Last day to pay final installment of 2007 property taxes without interest penalty.

Town Holidays for 2007

Town Hall will be Closed on These Important Days

January 1, 2007	New Year's Day Observed	September 3, 2007	Labor Day
February 19, 2007	President's Day	November 12, 2007	Veteran's Day
May 28, 2007	Memorial Day	November 22 & 23, 2007	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
July 4, 2007	Independence Day	December 25, 2007	Christmas Day

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INTRODUCTION

We, the Merrimack Town Council and Town Manager, are pleased and proud to present you with the 2006 Annual Report for the Town of Merrimack. This Annual Report was compiled through the efforts of your local public officials to serve as a permanent record for the year 2006.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all of the local officials, community volunteers and Town employees who have contributed countless hours of service to the Town of Merrimack.

As always, your comments and questions regarding this report are welcome. Please call, write, or just stop by Town Hall and speak with a member of our staff.

Thank you.



The Merrimack Town Council and Town Manager

First Row: Councilor Nancy M. Harrington, Chairman David W. McCray,
and Vice Chair Betty J. Spence.

Second Row: Councilor Michael R. Malzone, Councilor Thomas P. Koenig,
Town Manager Keith R. Hickey, Councilor Thomas J. Mahon,
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2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Merrimack Town Council

2006 was an exciting year for Merrimack! One of the most exciting events was the adoption of a new form of government. Residents voted (3,660 yes/2,551 no) to adopt the *Charter of Merrimack New Hampshire*, as proposed at the 2006 Town Meeting (Article 6) on April 11, 2006. The Charter became effective on July 1, 2006.

Also, at the 2006 Town Meeting, the last Board of Selectmen was elected. From among one of the largest fields of candidates in Town history running for the two vacant Board of Selectmen positions, Michael R. Malzone and Betty J. Spence prevailed. Selectman Charles W. Mower's resignation was accepted by the Board on April 19, 2006 and, on April 27, 2006, Nancy M. Harrington was appointed. The members of this last Board of Selectmen were David W. McCray, Thomas P. Koenig, Betty J. Spence, Michael R. Malzone and Nancy M. Harrington.



First Row: Betty J. Spence and Nancy M. Harrington. Second Row: Michael R. Malzone, David W. McCray, and Thomas P. Koenig

Chairman McCray called the last Board of Selectmen meeting to order on June 29, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. Former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (2000), Mr. Antone S. Holevas, led the Pledge of Allegiance. At the conclusion of this meeting, the minutes reflect that "Mr. Holevas asked to speak to Selectman Harrington. He asked her if she knew who Phinehas Underwood, John Usher and Zachariah Stearns were. He explained that they were the first Selectmen in 1746. Mr. Holevas stated that Selectman Harrington has a unique place in the history of the Town of Merrimack by being the last person to take on the mantle of Selectmen. He stated that there has been a 260-year uninterrupted chain of Selectmen in the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire in the United States of America, God bless us all."

2006 Council Highlights



Tony Pace, Chairman David W. McCray, and Bernie del Llano

Mother's Day, May 14, 2006, brought a flooding state of emergency to Merrimack. As part of the effort to help Merrimack flood victims, Chairman McCray organized a Telethon on Saturday, June 3, 2006. It was televised live from the Merrimack TV Studio and featured a talent show and guest Master of Ceremony Tony Pace. Jennifer Annand sang Irish songs and won the "Merrimack Idol" talent show. Due to this effort and the generosity of many businesses and private citizens, over \$64,000 was raised to assist the flood victims.

Town Manager Timothy J. Tieperman submitted his resignation to the Board of Selectmen on June 6, 2006, to be effective July 7, 2006.

Michael R. Milligan was sworn in as Acting Town Manager on June 13, 2006.

With the adoption of the Charter, a seven-member Council was required and, in a Special Election on June 27, 2006, two new members were elected: Finlay C. Rothhaus and Thomas J. Mahon.



At the Council's reorganization meeting on July 13, 2006, David W. McCray was chosen to serve as Chairman and Betty J. Spence was chosen to serve as Vice Chairman.

First Row: Nancy M. Harrington, David W. McCray, and Betty J. Spence. Second Row: Michael R. Malzone, Thomas P. Koenig, Thomas J. Mahon, and Finlay C. Rothhaus

During a severe storm, Town Hall was struck by lightning on Friday, July 21, 2006. Acting Town Manager Michael R. Milligan worked many hours with Town Hall staff to assure that Town Hall was "up-and-running" by first thing on Monday morning!



Parks Foreman Ernie Buck, Public Works Director Ed Chase, Roads and Bridges Foreman Joe Maguire, Equipment Operator I Jason Kimball, and Equipment Operator I John Trythall

The Council recognized all Town Departments for their actions in response to the May 2006 flooding State of Emergency. On July 27, 2006, customized plaques were presented to each department. Chairman McCray explained that "many of the Town employees worked around the clock and almost every department was involved."

The Council accepted the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Definitive Plan on August 31, 2006.

The Harold and Barbara Watson Park Committee was formed on September

17, 2006 with a mission to protect and maintain open spaces within the park in a natural atmosphere for the people of Merrimack to enjoy a tranquil outdoor setting in Merrimack's town center. The land was generously donated to the Town by Barbara and Harold Watson. Watson Park was dedicated on October 4, 2006.

The Council appointed new Town Manager Keith R. Hickey on November 20, 2006.

We look forward to continuing our service to the people of Merrimack.



Barbara and Harold Watson unveil the Watson Park sign.

The Merrimack Town Council

Chairman David W. McCray, Vice Chairman Betty J. Spence, Councilor Thomas P. Koenig, Councilor Michael R. Malzone, Councilor Nancy M. Harrington, Councilor Finlay C. Rothhaus, and Councilor Thomas J. Mahon

Dedications

Liberty's Way

The year 2006 marks the 10th anniversary of the Merrimack Community Bandstand in Abbie Griffin Park. In celebration of this milestone, Merrimack formally recognized the tireless efforts of Ruth Liberty, who was so instrumental in the building and fundraising efforts that brought the Bandstand to life. On July 3, 2006, the Town gathered to recognize and thank Ruth for all her contributions to the Town by naming the pathway in Abbie Griffin Park leading to the Bandstand, *Liberty's Way*.

Watson Park

The scenic, 12.4-acre property, located at 441 Daniel Webster Highway, was donated to the Town by Harold and Barbara Watson in September, 2005. Their intentions were for current and future citizens of Merrimack to have a place to enjoy time together with friends or with family, whether it is a game of catch, reading a good book, frolicking, having a picnic, or just enjoying the tranquil beauty this park has to offer. Watson Park was officially dedicated to the Town on October 4, 2006.

Norma French Playground

Norma French, who died on October 25, 2006, was honored at the Town Council meeting on December 14, 2006, by having a playground at Wasserman Park dedicated to her memory, henceforth, the *Norma French Playground*. Norma was honored for her years of dedicated service as an active member of more than 15 organizations, including the Parks and Recreation Committee, where she worked tirelessly to bring events to life. Norma French will be forever remembered for her love and devotion to the community.

Town Manager's 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Town Manager Keith Hickey

I am pleased to submit my first Merrimack Town Manager's report. I was appointed Merrimack Town Manager in November, 2006. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve Merrimack and get to know its residents.

During the past year, Merrimack residents have seen a number of changes, most notably approving a Town Charter and transitioning from a five member Board of Selectmen to a seven member Town Council. I believe this change has already and will continue to be beneficial to Merrimack. In 2007 and beyond, there will continue to be a variety of proposals that could change the way Merrimack looks today. Working together will ensure any change will be a beneficial one to this community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Milligan for the several months he served as Acting Town Manager. His dedication and desire to improve the services provided by the Town to its residents has made my transition a much easier one. I would also like to thank all of the Town employees, especially those in the Town Manager's office, for their support during my transition.

In closing, I look forward to working with the residents and businesses in Merrimack for years to come. Please feel free to either call me at (603) 424-2331 or email at khickey@ci.merrimack.nh.us with any questions or concerns you may have. Together, we can make a difference.

Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Keith R. Hickey, Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Beland,
Technology Coordinator Charles Miller, Executive Secretary Brenda Cloutier,
Secretary Maureen Atwood, Debbie Courtemanche

General Government Staff

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Executive Secretary Brenda Cloutier

Secretary Maureen Atwood

Finance Department

Finance Administrator Paul T. Micali

Assistant Finance Administrator Jennifer Alicea

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Account Clerk III Sandra Degnan

Account Clerk II Xenia Carroll

Media Division

Media Services Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee

Technology Division

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Welfare Division

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Krystyna Ciesluk
Bonnie Dunham
Joan Glencross
Marilyn Greenspan
Bonita Knight
Mary Moriarty
Sandy Russell
Karen Spencer

Republican

Coordinator Yvonne Hinckley

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Barbara Becker
Frank Besse
Joyce Dembow
Steve Dembow
Peter Duke
Eileen Harris
Anita Hinkle
Dave Johnson
Fern Jones
Connie Krieder
Fran L'Heureux
Carol Matsis
Judith May
Jackie Nylander
Jack Plant
Josephine Plant
Dick Roulx
Ruth Roulx
John Segedy

In Memory



Thomas “Tom” W. Hudon, Park Maintenance Employee 1966 – 2006

Tom Hudon of Merrimack passed away on October 10, 2006, at the age of 40. Tom was an 18-year veteran Town employee, who worked diligently to maintain Merrimack's parks and especially the athletic fields and programs which he loved. He was raised and educated in Merrimack and was an avid Red Sox fan and golfer. Tom's love of sports extended to coaching many Merrimack Youth Association teams, leading the 2004 Merrimack Little League All-Star team to a State Championship. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #48.

In addition to Margaret, his wife of 14 years, Tom left behind three sons, a daughter, and many close friends and coworkers.

In Appreciation

For Outstanding Service

**2006 Police Officer of the Year
Master Patrolman Dennis Foley**



**2006 EMT of the Year
Krystle Pelletier**



**2006 Firefighter of the Year
Richard Gagne**



In Appreciation

2006 Town of Merrimack Retirees

Assessing

Administrative Assessor Anne Whitney

Finance

Finance Administrator Robert Levan

Fire

Master Firefighter Daniel Belanger

Captain William Cashin

Master Firefighter Carl Nelsen

Fire Chief William Pepler

Annual Report Cover Design Contest

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In addition, the first runner-up was Mrs. Ruth O'Connor of Merrimack for her breathtaking photo of the Merrimack Village Dam, which can be seen on the back cover of this Annual Report.

In Appreciation

2006 Employee Service Recognitions

30 Years of Service

Bruce Moreau, Department of Public Works – Highway Division

Chuck Miller, General Government

25 Years of Service

Richard Blanchard, Department of Public Works – Wastewater Division

Joseph Maguire, Department of Public Works – Highway Division

Wayne Perkins, Fire Department

Richard A. Todd, Fire Department

20 Years of Service

William Adams, Department of Public Works – Wastewater Division

Robert Burley, Department of Public Works – Highway Division

Dennis Foley, Police Department

Walter Kwiecinski, Police Department

David Parenti, Fire Department

Carl Scott, Police Department

Jeffrey Strong, Department of Public Works – Highway Division

10 Years of Service

Linda Hall, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office

Nathan Latour, Department of Public Works – Buildings and Grounds Division

Gray MacGrath, Department of Public Works – Wastewater Division

David Mark, Community Development Department

Jason Marsella, Fire Department

5 Years of Service

Scott Bannister, Fire Department

Shawn Brechtel, Fire Department

Cec Curran, Community Development Department

Scott Daley, Department of Public Works – Highway Division

Shawn Kimball, Fire Department

Tammie Lambert, Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Robert Panit, Fire Department

William Pelerine, Fire Department

James Sheldon, Department of Public Works – Wastewater Division

Dean Stearns, Department of Public Works – Highway Division

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Merrimack Town Meeting Deliberative Session

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett

March 7, 2006

The deliberative session of the Annual Town Meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room of the Masticola Upper Elementary School on Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack, New Hampshire, with Town Moderator Lynn Christensen presiding. Moderator Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance and outlined the rules of the meeting and procedures to be followed.

Dick Hinch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, introduced Town Manager Tim Tieperman, attorneys Ed Boutin and Steve Clark, and board members Tom Koenig, David McCray, Vice Chairman Carolyn Whitlock and Chuck Mower.

Town Manager Tieperman introduced Administrative Assessor Anne Whitney, Community Development Director Walter Warren, Public Works Director Ed Chase, Finance Administrator Paul Micali, Assistant Waste Water Director Jim Taylor, Police Chief Bill Mulligan, Fire Chief Bill Pepler, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett, and Welfare Director Pat Murphy.

Budget Committee Chairman Stan Heinrich introduced ex-officio members Selectman Representative Chuck Mower, Selectman Alternate Tom Koenig, Merrimack Village District Representative Tony Pellegrino, Water District Alternate Walter Talbot, School Board Representative Emily Coburn and School District Alternate Rose Robertson Smith. He then introduced members Norman Phillips, Vice Chair; Rick Barnes, Stanley Bonislowski, Nancy Gagnon, John Grady, Bob Kelley, Carol Lang, Fran L'Heureux, Finlay Rothhaus, Michael Thompson, Joe Vliet and Secretary Pat Heinrich.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 for the construction, equipping, and occupancy of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000, by the withdrawal of \$2,700,000 from the Library Building Construction Capital Reserve Fund, by the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Library Trustees Special Funds, and by the use of \$75,000 of income from the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or serial notes?

Library Trustee Pat Heinrich moved Article 4 as printed. Stanley Heinrich II, 8 Edgewood Ave seconded the motion.

Library Trustees Heinrich spoke to the Article and presented a power point presentation that detailed statistics on the use of the current library facility, programs offered, and the need for a new building. Costs for the building as well as the current plan were discussed.

Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, moved to amend Article 4 to change the bond amount of \$8.5 million to \$0.00. David Gretskey, 38 Belmont Drive, seconded the motion.

Dennis King spoke to the amendment expressing concern that a legal opinion has not been obtained as to whether the existing building could be sold to offset the cost of a new library. He also expressed concern over current library operating expenses and expected costs for a newer, larger building and increased staff. David Gretskey spoke in support of the amendment citing rising tax bills and the affordability of the project to the taxpayers at this time. Mary Moriarty, 62 Coventry Court, spoke against the amendment stating there is a need for a new library due to conditions of the current facility and the services they provide to the elderly. Carol Morrison, 42 Maidstone Drive, spoke against the amendment citing overcrowding issues. Rosemarie Rung, 21 Ministerial Drive, spoke against the amendment stating the article should go forward to the ballot in its original form. Jennifer Twardosky, 41 Gail Road, spoke in favor of the amendment stating it's not the time to build a library due to the high tax situation in town and she questioned other funding avenues. Stan Heinrich, 8 Edgewood Ave, spoke against the amendment stating the article should go forward to the voters in its original form. He also noted the article was recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Phillip Morano, 5 Fernwood Drive, spoke against the amendment and expressed concern over the article and the impact to the taxpayers. Matthew Publicover, 75 Amherst Road, spoke against the amendment stating the voters should vote on the article in its original form. Alethia Fischer, 6 May Drive, spoke in opposition of the amendment noting the question should go to the voters in its original form. She stated the Library Trustees have been fiscally responsible in their plan and savings accounts. John Segedy, 2 Wheeler Street, spoke against the amendment stating he believed changing the article goes against the purpose of the meeting, and it should go to the voters untouched.

Moderator Christensen announced a secret ballot request had been received. She called for a ballot vote on the amendment. The amendment failed with a count of 155 Yes and 205 No.

Stan Heinrich moved to call the question.

Paul Nevue, 2 Rutherford Street, asked for a clarification in the event Article 4 and Article 22 both passed. Moderator Christensen replied that due to Department of Revenue Administration rules money allocations are done in order of the warrant. If the bond article passed, the money would come out of the capital reserve fund to build the library, and action on Article 22 would become moot.

Stan Heinrich moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Carol Morrison seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 5: Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (60% ballot vote required for approval) *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0)*

Selectman Hinch moved Article 5 as printed. Selectman McCray seconded the article.

Public Works Director Ed Chase spoke to the Article explaining the need for drainage improvements throughout town. This phase covers seven streets and can be combined with other projects for efficiency. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee both unanimously supported the Article, and the average cost to the taxpayer is estimated at \$14.00. Norman Phillips, 18 Edward Lane, questioned if the proposed streets were the only ones in danger of flooding or were the worst. Moderator Christensen responded that there are a number of streets needing improvements; these are the ones needing immediate attention. Selectman McCray spoke in support of the Article stating this project is not a “want”; it is a “need”. Tom Williams, 3 Harrington Drive, stated he supported the project; however, he was concerned with increased spending.

Tom Williams moved to amend the Article to zero out the dollar amount of the bond and change the wording “and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 interest on said bonds or serial notes” to read “interest on this bond shall be paid from the town operating budget”. Moderator Christensen declared the motion invalid, as a zero bond amount would not have interest associated with it.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Summary Explanation – The Charter was developed under the provisions of RSA 49-B, which “...provides a vehicle whereby a municipality may adopt a form of government that best addresses local needs.” The culmination of the Commission’s work has provided a charter that provides a form of government that is Merrimack’s own. The Charter keeps spending in the hands of the voters through the continuation of the deliberative session and all-day ballot voting

on appropriations. The governing board is changed from a Board of Selectmen with five members and a budget committee to a Town Council with seven members to increase representation and to meet the demands of modern government and the increase in the Town's population. Finally, the Charter gives more definition to the roles for administrators and elected officials.

Charter Commission Chairman Tom Mahon, 31 Naticook Road, moved Article 6 as printed. Heather Anderson, 46 Peaslee Road, seconded the motion.

Tom Mahon spoke to the Article explaining the process the Charter Commission took in developing the Charter and gave a comparison of the changes that would take place, if adopted, over the current form of government. Andrew Silvia, 8 Merrymeeting Drive, spoke in support of the Article stating that we have outgrown our current form of government. Dennis King spoke against the Article expressing concern over the number of signatures needed for actions and that action at the town meeting would be restricted to monetary articles. Nelson Disco, 42 Wilson Hill Road, spoke against the Article citing concern that under the charter the town council would adopt zoning changes, not town meeting. Heidi Doyon, 20 Back River Road, spoke against the Article stating that Senate Bill 2 was overwhelmingly adopted and this form of government should be retained. Michael Thompson, 99 Joppa Road, spoke in support of the Article stating more power will shift to the people. Wayne Morrison, 42 Maidstone Drive, spoke against the Article expressing concern that the Budget Committee would be eliminated. Tim Tenhave, 25 Souhegan Drive, clarified that the charter does not do away with the Senate Bill 2 process and creates accountability for the budget. Chris Christensen, 27 Greatstone Drive, explained the legislative process and the difficulty of changing items in the Senate Bill 2 process that meets the needs of all communities. The charter is easy to amend to customize it to make it work for Merrimack. Sheila Lippman, 4 Bow Street, questioned the no-interference provision and the percentage needed for bond passage. Tom Mahon noted that state law requires these provisions to be in the charter. Tom Tyrrell, 84 Bean Road, spoke against the Article expressing concern over the control the council will have in making decisions previously made by voters. Lon Woods, 2 Arbor St, spoke in support of the Article stating that the section dealing with Citizens Initiatives provides people with more power than they currently have with our present form of government. John Segedy, 2 Wheeler Street, spoke against the Article stating the change would give less transparency to what is happening in the government. Debra Huffman, 60 Amherst Road, spoke in support of the Article stating the charter gives power to the residents as there are provisions to force re-votes and public hearings that do not exist under the present form of government. Heather Anderson clarified the numbers relative to petition signatures and noted that the council can place zoning amendment questions on the ballot. The charter also allows for a referendum provision to repeal items the council passes. Ted Parmenter, 48 Valleyview Drive, spoke in support of the Article stating the charter provides the people with more accountability by council members and has the ability to require certain actions by council members. Tom Mahon spoke to the transparency issue that was raised by a previous speaker and noted section

five of the charter in the ordinances section requires more information, postings and public notices to be given to the public on an issue.

Stanley Whitlock, 239 Baboosic Lake Road, moved to call the question. Moderator Christensen allowed the people waiting to speak to do so.

Brian McCarthy, 46 Peaslee Road, spoke in support of the Article stating the charter requires written procedures to be followed. Norman Phillips, 18 Edward Lane, spoke in support of the Article noting that the voters can insist a public hearing be held and request an item to go forward to the ballot.

Jennifer Twardosky, 41 Gail Road, moved Article 22 to be discussed next. The audience seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried.

Article 22: To see if the Town of Merrimack will vote to discontinue the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund and return all remaining funds the sum of approximately two million, five hundred thirty nine thousand, three hundred and six dollars (\$2,539,306) to the general fund to offset property taxes.

[By Petition] *(Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Jennifer Twardosky moved Article 22 as printed. Jennifer Thornton, 72 Patten Road, seconded the motion.

Jennifer Twardosky spoke to the Article explaining the intent of the Article is to return the monies in the Capital Reserve Fund for tax relief if the Library Bond Article fails.

Tom Kolb, 5 Sharon Ave, moved to call the question. Moderator Christensen allowed the people waiting to speak to do so.

Finlay Rothhaus, 14 Kittredge Lane, asked if the article is advisory. Legal council confirmed it is advisory. Wayne Morrisson, 42 Maidstone Drive, spoke against the Article noting that if it passed and the monies were returned for tax relief, it would be a one time offset and the next year there would be a spike. Saving for the library is fiscally responsible and taking the savings away is a mistake. Evan Fulmer, 36 Shelburne Road, spoke against the Article stating that saving for the library is the smart way to save for it and it doesn't make sense to do away with the fund.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,649,653? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,306,512, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in

accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-1-0)

Budget Committee Chairman Stan Heinrich moved Article 7 as printed. Norman Phillips seconded the motion.

Stan Heinrich spoke to the Article. He explained changes to the budget and noted items such as raises and cost sharing by all employees for health insurance. Michael Thompson, 99 Joppa Road, stated he doesn't agree with the budget, the cuts made to it were minor and could have been more. Richard Barnes, 55 Lawrence Road, stated he was the committee member who voted against the budget. He stated he didn't agree with the budget and felt more cuts could have been made. Phillip Morano stated he felt the Budget Committee doesn't exercise fiscal restraint and the town should be looking at areas to cut. Norman Phillips spoke to the role of the Budget Committee in the budget process stating it is to decide if expenditures are prudent.

Jennifer Twardosky moved to amend the budget amount to \$25,180,319.00. Selectman McCray seconded the motion.

Jennifer Twardosky spoke to the Article stating it will offer a significant change in choice to the voters. She stated it is not fiscally responsible to increase the budget and give employees raises at the same time. She also noted that as employees will be contributing to insurance costs they should still receive the proposed raises; and the money should be found in the budget. Stan Heinrich spoke against the amendment stating it is fiscally irresponsible to cut \$1,436,333.00 without a proposal of where the cuts would occur and the cut will impact services. Selectman McCray spoke in support of the amendment stating the Budget Committee is fiscally irresponsible in bringing forward increased budgets. The amendment is an opportunity to let the voters decide to reduce spending. Evan Fulmer spoke against the amendment stating as a former Budget Committee member he was aware of the time and effort spent during the budget process. The Budget Committee is an elected oversight committee to look for fiscal responsibility, and questioned how this large cut can be made without impacting services. Ken Coleman, 79 Peaslee Road, noted the previous year's approved budget amount did not include contract amounts approved at the last town meeting. The contracts must be funded, and this will result in a greater reduction to the operating budget than this proposed cut. Norman Phillips spoke against the motion stating it was an act of desperation and was misguided. There were no proposals for cuts during the public participation portion of any of the budget committee meetings, which is where cuts should have been presented. Carol Morrison, 42 Maidstone Drive, spoke against the amendment stating that the voters want services and the money to pay for them has to come from somewhere. Stanley Whitlock stated he is opposed to the amendment. The will of the people is decided in the voting booth and it is the voters that vote for the budget. Nancy Gagnon, 130 Bedford Road, spoke against the amendment stating the town budget includes all of the town services; this is a huge cut and would result in a cut in services. Dennis King spoke in support of the amendment noting that cuts have been mandated in the past and the town was able to implement them.

John Segedy moved to call the question. Moderator Christensen allowed the people waiting to speak to do so.

Richard Barnes spoke to the amendment stating the voters have a choice between spending more or less money. Selectman McCray spoke in support of the amendment stating he felt the money could be found in the budget. Phil Morano spoke in support of the amendment stating he believed money could be found in the budget to cut. Jennifer Twardosky stated she believed if the lower budget amount passed, the town could find the money in the budget; if people want to spend more they can vote for the default budget. Tom Williams spoke in support of the amendment stating taxes are too high and the amendment gives voters a choice. Ed Cyckowski, 4 Joey Road, spoke in support of the amendment stating taxes are too high and need to be lowered. He questioned what services would be cut if this passed.

Moderator Christensen announced she received a secret ballot request and called for a ballot vote on the amendment. The amendment passed by a vote of 134 Yes to 133 No.

Patrick McGrath, 7 Peter Rd, spoke to the Article noting that loss of state and federal funding has contributed to the increase in property taxes; there is not inappropriate spending.

Jennifer Twardosky moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 7 and 22. The audience seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 8: Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75%	\$44,103
2007-08	3.75%	\$34,587
2008-09	3.50%	\$26,516

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,103 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatments, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Whitlock moved Article 8 as printed. Selectman Koenig seconded the motion.

Selectman Whitlock spoke to the Article noting it is a three-year contract that contains up to a 10% cost-sharing requirement for health insurance. Michael Pelletier, 3 Woodbine Lane, questioned what “up to 10%” meant. Labor attorney Matt Upton explained there is a graduated implementation of the cost sharing.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 320, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75%	\$128,192
2007-08	3.75%	\$ 96,454
2008-09	3.50%	\$ 77,035
2009-10	3.00%	\$ 70,988
2010-11	3.00%	\$ 70,756

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,192 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Mower moved Article 9 as printed. Selectman Hinch seconded the motion.

Labor attorney Matt Upton spoke to the Article noting it is a five-year contract that contains the 10% cost sharing provision for health insurance. Heidi Doyon questioned why this Article is a five-year contract, with another article for a six-year contract, instead of the usual three-year term. Matt Upton noted that labor negotiations are costly; longer contracts lower costs and provide labor stability that is beneficial to the town. Dennis King stated he supported the Article.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.00%	\$117,068
2007-08	3.00%	\$109,119
2008-09	3.50%	\$ 80,135
2009-10	3.75%	\$ 79,704
2010-11	3.75%	\$ 84,477

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,068 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement basically covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Koenig moved Article 10 as printed. Selectman Whitlock seconded the motion.

Selectman Koenig noted the Article covers the firefighters and is similar to the other contract articles. Matt Upton noted the contract differed slightly from the other contracts as the lower percentage increases occur in the earlier years and the larger increases come later. The contract also contains the health insurance cost sharing. Fire Chief Pepler spoke in support of the Article stating the contract is the result of long and hard negotiations and is fair to the Firefighters and the town.

Article 11: Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2986, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.50%	\$69,169
2007-08	3.75%	\$91,848
2008-09	3.75%	\$86,861
2009-10	3.00 %	\$85,985

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,169 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this

article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman McCray moved Article 11 as printed. Selectman Mower seconded the motion.

Selectman McCray spoke to the Article noting it is a four-year contract and is similar to the other contracts as it includes a 10% cost sharing provision for health insurance benefits.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75%	\$70,113
2007-08	3.75%	\$60,711
2008-09	3.50%	\$58,424
2009-10	3.00%	\$98,904
2010-11	3.00%	\$55,352
2011-12	3.00%	\$56,944

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,113 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Hinch moved Article 12 as printed. Selectman Koenig seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch spoke to the Article noting it is a six-year contract that covers the supervisory employees of the fire and police departments and it contains a 10% cost sharing provision for health insurance. Chief Pepler spoke in support of the Article stating he felt it was a fair contract for the town and supervisors. Pat Heinrich, 8 Edgewood Ave, spoke in support of the Article and thanked the Unions for the healthcare concession.

Jason Kimball, 20 Turkey Hill Road, moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8 – 12. Pat Heinrich seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? [By Petition] *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Bob Kelley, 5 Birchwood Drive, moved Article 13 as printed. Pat Heinrich seconded the Article.

Bob Kelly spoke to the Article stating that the Article allows for any remaining library budget monies to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 14: Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, a Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Expendable Trust Fund for the treatment of variable milfoil or other invasive species in Horseshoe Pond or in any other infected public body of water in Merrimack; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Mower moved Article 14 as printed. Selectman McCray seconded the motion.

Selectman Mower spoke to the Article stating the milfoil treatment applied to Horseshoe Pond was successful and it appeared that it would not need re-treatment for several years. Discussion occurred at the budget committee level of how to ensure funding is available for future treatment of milfoil or other invasive aquatic species, if needed. It was determined that a capital reserve fund was not an appropriate funding mechanism, as it needed to be funded and voted every year. Expendable Trust Funds can be created where they can be funded once and the monies available when needed. Anita Memos, 93 Bedford Road, expressed concern over the amount of money being appropriated. In another town that she deals with that has larger bodies of water a smaller amount was appropriated. She also noted that the people living along shorelines needed to take responsibility to monitor the waterways. Don Botsch, 31 Island Drive, spoke in support of the Article stating that the waterways are for the whole town not just for the residents who live along these waters. It makes good sense to keep abreast of these issues and plan for future treatment needs. Michael Thompson expressed concern that this was precedent setting. The state is responsible for the waterways and may not provide funding if there is money already set aside.

Stan Heinrich moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 13 and 14. Norman Phillips seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 10:57 PM.

The Deliberative Session was reconvened on March 9th at 7:00 PM.

Article 15: Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of municipal buildings, including related equipment, infrastructure, and furnishings; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

Selectman Koenig moved Article 15 as printed. Selectman Whitlock seconded the motion.

Selectman Koenig spoke to the Article stating that this fund would be for maintenance and repair of facilities. A recent audit of town facilities showed deficiencies and items needing to be addressed. The dollar being asked for would establish the fund and future monies could be placed into it.

Article 16: Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, IV, to change the percentage of the land use change tax collections deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation fund from 100% to 50%? The intent of this article is that only 50% of the collections received from the land use change tax are to be deposited into the Conservation fund and the other 50% received shall be used to reduce the tax rate. If passed, this article shall take effect April 1, 2007. *(Not Recommended by Budget Committee 7-6-0)*

Selectman Whitlock moved Article 16 as printed. Selectman Mower seconded the motion.

Selectman Whitlock spoke to the Article noting it is a change from a prior Town Meeting vote. She provided an explanation of Current Use and stated that the town would benefit from the monies being deposited to the town account. Ken Coleman spoke against the article stating it is a short-term revenue solution for the town, and would hurt it in the long term. Less money would be available for land purchases to prevent development, which often results in higher expenses to the town. Open space preservation is a longer-term solution to the tax situation and as much money as possible should be deposited into the fund. Andy Powell, 26 Hansom Drive, Conservation Commission Representative, spoke against the Article stating that open space cost the town less money in services. People do not understand the current use process and how this Article will impact the Conservation Commission's Open Space Protection Program. Open Space Protection is identified in the Master Plan and is the reason a 2002 warrant article to designate one hundred percent of current use monies was brought forward to the voters and

approved. A better understanding of the issues with open space protection and how to go about it is needed.

Andy Powell moved to amend Article 16 to read: Shall the voters direct that the Town Manager, in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and others to be determined, develop an Open Space Action Plan? The Open Space Action Plan will evaluate the Current Use Change Tax distribution and other available financing methods and will develop a plan that meets the open space goals of the citizens in a fiscally responsible manner. The existing Current Use Change Tax distribution shall not be altered until the study results and recommendations are made available no later than October 2006. Tim Tenhave seconded the motion.

Andy Powell spoke to the amendment stating the committee would conduct a review of all town parcels, town Master Plan guidelines, conservation land protection program information, and would conduct a town wide survey and hold public hearings to obtain the views of the citizens. Parcels of interest would be identified, evaluated and ranked, and appropriate protection methods and costs would be determined. The current use change tax and other funding methods would be reviewed and a plan would be established to determine ways to fund purchases in a fiscally responsible manner. The committee's finding would be presented no later than October 2006 and recommendations to funding changes would be presented to the voters next year. Tim Tenhave spoke in support of the amendment stating it was a prudent thing to do. Current use revenues look attractive as an option for tax relief. However, due to the varying amounts received, it will result in very little tax relief. It is important to save monies in the fund as they can be used to maintain and preserve lands we already own. Selectman Hinch spoke in support of the amendment stating that when the Article was drafted it seemed appropriate to use current use revenues to decrease the tax burden. After receiving input, the amended version appeared to be the most prudent way to proceed on the issue. John Segedy spoke against the amendment stating that previous action by the body opposed amending articles; it should go to the voters in its original form. Selectman Whitlock questioned the amount of money in the fund and the need to form another committee as a land use committee already existed. Finance Administrator Paul Micali responded that a million dollars is in the fund. Finlay Rothhaus spoke against the amendment stating that capital reserve funds, with a plan and costs basis, are a more appropriate funding mechanism for land purchases. Michael Mills, 7 Arbor St, spoke against the amendment stating people are asking for tax relief and the original article asked for the monies to be used as revenue for the town to do this. Andy Powell responded to the question of the formation of another committee stating an ad-hoc committee was activated eight years ago for the purpose of identifying all town owned properties, evaluating them for their potential purposes, and making a recommendation as to parcels that should be sold. The committee has not met since then. Tim Tenhave spoke in support of the amendment stating that in October 2004 he requested the formation of a land use committee and was told it would be activated once a new town manager was selected. Selectman McCray spoke against the amendment stating that reducing the tax

burden will take a number of steps and using part of the monies from current use will assist in this process. Eber Currier, 9 Peaslee Road, spoke in support of the amendment stating that the original article will reduce funding for the purchase of open space land. Open space land reduces development, reducing the amount of town services and taxes. Debra Huffman spoke in support of the amendment, as the request would only be delayed for one year. Remaining open space is limited in town and having money in the fund will allow for the purchase of land should it become available. Selectman Mower spoke in support of the amendment noting it allows for an opportunity to research the issues involved and come back to the voters with a well thought out plan to address the issue. Jim Allard, 8 Iris Drive, spoke against the amendment as there are limited amounts of available land to purchase and prices have stabilized. He stated he didn't believe there would be a lot of future land sales or large costs associated with purchases of open lands and current account funds should be enough. Selectman Koenig spoke against the amendment stating the original article would not remove monies already in the fund but rather divert some of the incoming monies to both the town and the fund. Monies coming into the town would be used to reduce property taxes. The original article would be effective in July 2007, which would still give the town time to form a committee, evaluate conservation lands, address the issues that were raised and do what the amendment asks without making a change to the article. Selectman McCray spoke against the amendment, as the original article would not be effective until 2007. It provides a year timeframe to discuss the issues and during this time monies collected would continue to go into the fund. Tax relief is needed and the original article provides for this.

John Segedy moved to call the question.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed 64-47.

Andy Powell moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 16. Selectman Hinch seconded the motion. Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Board of Selectmen non-interference ordinance" as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

Explanation – The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the more efficient administration of government for the Town of Merrimack and to provide a working framework for the Board of Selectmen to interact with the Town Manager, Department Heads and town employees by adopting an ordinance for noninterference regarding individual members of the Board with Town employees. It prohibits interference by individual members of the Board of Selectmen with town officials in the performance of their duties.

Copies of the ordinance have been posted with the Town Warrant.

Selectman Hinch moved Article 17 as printed. Selectman McCray seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch spoke to the Article stating that the issue came up at various times during the search for a town manager and during the drafting of the charter. He explained that wording was

added to ensure that nothing in the ordinance prohibited an individual selectman from meeting with the town manager on issues affecting the town. John Segedy questioned if the ordinance would prohibit a selectman from criticizing board action. Selectmen Hinch responded it would not. Ted Parmenter questioned the added wording expressing concern that it created an escape clause making the ordinance difficult to enforce. Patrick McGrath, 7 Peter Road, spoke in support of the Article stating it sets ground rules for the Board. Selectman McCray spoke in support of the Article noting that the wording is not an escape clause. Selectmen need to talk to each other or the town manager in the course of carrying out their duties and the intent of the added wording was to clarify this issue. Andy Silvia questioned the need for the ordinance as there are state laws governing interference. Attorney Boutin responded it would allow the Board to act without having to go to court if a member is acting improperly.

Article 18: Shall the Town of Merrimack oppose the state of New Hampshire highway project to connect U.S. Route 3 in Merrimack with N.H. Route 102 in the town of Litchfield, if this project is to be funded by tolls? Furthermore, on passage of this article, a copy of the article be sent to the Governor of New Hampshire, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the Executive Councilor of New Hampshire District 5, and the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. [By Petition]

Bob L'Heureux, 94 Back River Rd, moved article 18 as printed. Bob Kelley seconded the motion.

Bob L'Heureux spoke to the Article stating the intent, if passed, is to have the official vote placed on record in Concord that Merrimack is opposed to this project if it involves another tollbooth. The project relates to a proposed bridge to be built between Hudson, Litchfield and Merrimack for the purpose of alleviating traffic congestion in Hudson. This stems from the circumferential highway project, which has been in the planning stages for over fifty years. The project is to be funded by a tollbooth in Litchfield, which will impact Merrimack residents traveling over it.

Article 19: To see whether the voters of the Town of Merrimack will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating noise:

It is hereby determined that certain noise levels are detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety, jeopardize the value of property, erode the integrity of the environment, annoy or disturb a person of normal sensibilities, disrupt the quality of life, and are contrary to the public interest of the citizens of Merrimack.

Definitions

CONSTRUCTION – Any site preparation, blasting, excavation, grading, assembly, erection, substantial repair, or alteration of any building, structures, or land, public or private, together with any associated scientific or engineering surveys shall constitute construction. The term construction shall include the operation or the causing to be operated, or any equipment

used in the construction, repair, alteration, blasting, or demolition work on buildings, structures streets, alleys, or appurtenances thereto. Said equipment includes but is not limited to a pile driver, shovel, hammer, derrick, hoist, tractor or roller. Specifically excluded from this definition is all work being performed by or on behalf of any person on his personally occupied residential property located within the Town of Merrimack.

DEMOLITION – Shall mean any dismantling, intentional destruction, or removal of structures, surfaces, or similar property, public or private. Emergency situations under the direction of local officials are exempted.

DWELLING UNIT – Shall mean any building or separate portion thereof used for residential purposes. The term shall include but not be limited to, single family dwellings, apartments, condominiums, and other distinct residential units.

EMERGENCY WORK – Shall mean any work performed to protect, maintain, or restore safe and/or healthful conditions in the community, along with work performed by private or public utilities when restoring utility service.

PERSON – Shall mean any individual, association, partnership, or corporation, or any other entity, public or private in nature.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – Shall mean a parcel of real property which is developed and used either in whole or in part for residential purposes.

Noises Created by or Emanating From Construction or Demolition

Noises Created by or Emanating From A Motor Vehicle

- a) A person operating in or in control of a parked or moving motor vehicle shall not operate or permit the operation of an electrically amplified sound system in or on the motor vehicle so as to produce sound that is clearly audible more than fifty (50) feet (fifteen (15) meters) from the motor vehicle except as otherwise authorized.
- b) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle so as to make any loud, unusual, or unnecessary noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions by the operator:
 - (1) Misuse of power, exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration sometimes known as “laying down rubber” or peeling rubber” or excessive acceleration where there is no emergency.
 - (2) Misuse of braking power, exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency.
 - (3) Rapid acceleration by means of quick up-shifting of transmission gears with a clutch, manual transmission or automatic transmission.

- (4) Rapid deceleration by means of quick down-shifting of transmission gears with either a clutch, manual transmission or automatic transmission.
- (5) Racing of engine by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still.
- (6) Use of straight pipe exhaust systems, meaning any straight-through exhaust system that does not contain baffles or otherwise does not meet the definition of muffler in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 259:66.
- (7) Sounding of any horn or signaling device on any street or public place, except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of any such device for any unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

Noises Disturbing The Public Peace.

The following acts and conduct are prohibited:

- (1) The using, operating, or permitting to be placed, used or operated any radio, receiving set, musical instrument, television, phonograph, stereo, record player, tape player, cassette player, compact disc player, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or any other machine or electronic device for the producing, or reproducing, or amplifying of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the inhabitants of neighboring premises. The operation of any such set, instrument, machine or device in such manner as to be clearly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet (fifteen (15) meters) from the building, premises or structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- (2) The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated of any radio, receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loud speaker, television, stereo, record player, tape player, cassette player, compact disc player, sound amplifier, or any other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising, or attracting the attention of the public to any building or structure.
- (3) Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or signing on the public streets, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 9:00 AM or at any time or place so as the annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in neighboring premises.
- (4) The creation of any unreasonable or excessive noise on streets adjacent to any school institution of learning, church or court while the same are in use or adjacent to any hospital so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or

repose of patients in the hospital, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed on such streets indicating that a school, hospital or court is located thereon.

- (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to Town held or sponsored events.

Enforcement and Penalties for Violations of This Ordinance.

- a) The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Zoning Administrator and the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. Enforcement may be waived only upon urgent necessity and only in the interest of public health and safety.

- b) Violation.

Any person who violates any portion of this chapter shall receive a written order to cease or abate the construction, demolition or noise immediately or within such reasonable time period as the enforcing official shall order.

If the order to cease or abate is not complied with, or is complied with and then violated again within twenty-four (24) hours, the person found in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and each shall be punishable by a fine of the maximum allowed by law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

[By Petition]

Michael Mills, 7 Arbor Street, moved Article 19 as printed with the following exceptions: In the section titled “Noises Disturbing the Public Peace”, section five should read “The provisions of this section shall not apply to town held approved or sponsored events conducted within the town and lasting three days or less; and in the section titled “Enforcement and Penalties for Violations of the Ordinance” under section “A”, it should read “The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Community Development Director and the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. Barbara Goulet, 7 Arbor Street, seconded the motion.

Michael Mills spoke to the Article stating the intent is to set standards for maintaining residents' quality of life and enjoyment of their property. It is modeled after ordinances in place in the cities of Manchester and Nashua. The first part of the ordinance pertains to new construction activities and regulates hours construction can occur. It does not apply to an individual

homeowner doing home repairs. The motor vehicle section pertains to actions by drivers and the noise section pertains to expectations of reasonable persons.

Stan Heinrich moved to amend the article to read: Shall the town vote to not establish an ordinance regulating noise? Dennis King seconded the motion.

Stan Heinrich spoke to the amendment citing concerns over the enforcement of items in the article and the additional burden to the Police Department. Dennis King spoke in support of the amendment stating he is a former noise committee member and after studying the issue for many months the committee felt most issues would work themselves out; most people are reasonable if you talk to them. Finlay Rothhaus spoke in support of the amendment, as items contained in the article are unenforceable. Norman Phillips spoke in support of the amendment asking how we have gotten along for all these years. Selectman McCray spoke against the amendment stating he feels the article should go forward to the voters in the original form. Eber Currier spoke in support of the amendment noting that farm activities occur daily and the ordinance in its original form would prohibit necessary farm operations. Linda Matz, 6 Greenwood Drive, spoke in support of the amendment stating that an ordinance is unnecessary, common courtesy should prevail. Michael Mills spoke against the amendment noting there is a need for regulation of building projects. There are a number of proposed building projects adjacent to residential areas. With no building regulations, homeowners will be inconvenienced. Jim Allen spoke in support of the amendment stating the intent of the article was good, but the items needed more review and simplification. John Segedy spoke against the amendment stating the Article should go forward to the voters un-amended. Alethia Fischer spoke against the amendment stating she supports the original version and has been impacted by items the ordinance would address. Dennis King noted that many items fall under laws pertaining to disturbing the peace. Pat McGrath spoke in support of the amendment noting the town does not have the necessary equipment in place to gather evidence that would support violations in court proceedings.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The motion passed.

Michael Mills moved to amend the Article to reinstate all sections in the original article with the exception of the sections titled "Noises Created by or Emanating From A Motor Vehicle" and Noises Disturbing the Public Peace". Susan Lee, 9 Beech St, seconded the motion.

Michael Mills spoke to the amendment stating that he believed most objections to the original Article were related to the noise sections and not the construction section. Carol Morrison noted that the Planning Board is in the process of drafting an enforceable noise ordinance that deals with construction issues. Carolyn Whitlock questioned legal council as the article adds job duties to employees. Attorney Boutin stated the article is unenforceable; the job duties being added for the Zoning Administrator and Planning Board members can only be addressed in a zoning amendment. Michael Mills stated the intent is not to assign extra job duties but rather to give certain employees enforcement powers. Stan Heinrich spoke against the amendment, as it is

unenforceable. John Segedy spoke against the amendment, as it is improper to give enforcement authority to Planning Board members.

Mike Thompson moved to call the question.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment failed.

Stan Heinrich moved to call the question.

Stan Heinrich moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 19. Linda Mack seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 20: To see whether the voters of the Town of Merrimack will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating public and private nuisance:

It is hereby determined that the residents of the Town of Merrimack wish to preserve the peace , privacy, quiet, safety, dignity and the healthy environment of their neighborhoods, In addition they also wish to protect the value of their property. In order to accomplish these objectives, the following is enacted:

a) DEFINITIONS

Nuisance –

1) That which annoys and disturbs one in possession of this property, rendering its ordinary use or occupation physically uncomfortable to him; eg smoke, odors, noise, sight or vibration.

2) A use of property or course of conduct that interferes with the legal rights of others by causing damage, annoyance, or inconvenience.

b) NUISANCE

No public or private nuisance shall be allowed to exist in the Town of Merrimack.

d) ENFORCEMENT: The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Community Development Director or the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance.

e) VIOLATIONS: Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall receive a written order to cease or abate the violation immediately or within such reasonable time period as the enforcing officer shall order.

If the order to cease or abate the violation is not complied with or is then violated again within ninety (90) days, the person found in violation shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be fined the maximum allowed by law for each occurrence. [By Petition]

Michael Mills moved Article 20 as printed. Barbara Goulet seconded the motion.

Michael Mills spoke to the Article stating the intent is to regulate the conduct of people so that a person can enjoy the use of their property. Stan Heinrich spoke against the article citing

concerns over items in the article such as smoke and sight. Under the ordinance someone can complain about a person who obtained a burning permit and how someone keeps the condition of their property.

Stan Heinrich moved to amend the Article to read: Shall the town vote to not establish an ordinance regarding public and private nuisances? Dennis King seconded the motion.

Michael Mills spoke against the amendment stating the article should be voted in its original form at Town Meeting.

Linda Mack moved to call the question. Moderator Christensen allowed the person waiting to speak to do so.

Mike Thompson spoke in support of the amendment stating the items contained in it are vague.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed.

Stan Heinrich moved to call the question.

Stan Heinrich moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 20. Dennis King seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 21: To see whether the voters of the Town of Merrimack will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating bus parking and use:

It is hereby determined that the residents of the Town of Merrimack wish to preserve the peace, quiet, safety, dignity and the healthy environment of their neighborhoods, In addition they also wish to protect the value of their property. In order to accomplish these objectives, the following are enacted:

a) DEFINITIONS

BUS – A large commercial motor vehicle carrying more than fifteen (15) passengers. Specifically excluded are school buses being used in the transportation of students for any educational or sports related purpose, or any vehicle used in any town approved or sponsored activity being conducted within the Town and lasting for three (3) days or less.

IDLING – the continuous running of a bus's engine while not moving. Specifically excluded is that reasonable time spent during the loading and unloading of passengers thereon, and time directly spent resulting from serious unforeseen traffic situations.

b) RESTRICTION ON BUS PARKING: The parking of any bus on any street or way throughout the Town of Merrimack is hereby banned.

c) RESTRICTION ON BUS IDLING: No bus will idle for more than 30 minutes in any twelve (12) hour period on any public way within the Town of Merrimack.

d) ENFORCEMENT: The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Community Development

Director or the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. Enforcement may be waived only upon urgent necessity and only in the interest of public health and safety.

e) **VIOLATIONS:** Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall receive a written order to cease or abate the violation immediately or within such reasonable time period as the enforcing officer shall order.

If the order to cease or abate the violation is not complied with or is then violated again within ninety (90) days, the person found in violation shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be fined the maximum allowed by law for each occurrence. [By Petition]

Michael Mills moved Article 21 as printed. Barbara Goulet seconded the motion.

Michael Mills stated the Article is being presented in anticipation of future commercial development in town and is intended to prohibit extended bus parking and engine idling along town streets. He expressed concern over the potential for commercial tour buses to come into town, park along streets and run their engines for extended periods of time. He noted that he visited a site in New York with a mall similar to the mall proposal for Merrimack, and bus parking was an issue. Stan Heinrich spoke against the amendment stating that the state and federal government as well as the Department of Transportation regulates bus engine idling. He expressed concern that preventing bus parking will encourage tour bus operators to not stop at Merrimack businesses.

Stan Heinrich moved to amend Article 21 to read: Shall the town not establish an ordinance regulating bus parking and use? Dennis King seconded the motion.

Dennis King moved to call the question. Moderator Christensen allowed those waiting to speak to do so.

Mike Mills spoke against the amendment noting it strictly bans parking on town streets. Tour buses can come in and park in the parking lots of the businesses they are bringing people to. The article should go to the voters in its original form.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed.

John Segedy moved to amend the article to read: To see whether the voters of the town of Merrimack will vote to ask the Board of Selectmen to investigate the feasibility of controlling bus parking and idling. Selectman McCray seconded the motion.

Mike Thompson moved to call the question. Moderator Christensen allowed those waiting to speak to do so.

Stan Heinrich spoke against the amendment stating it is not necessary to have the Board of Selectmen study bus idling as there are state and federal laws in place that regulate this activity. Selectman McCray spoke against the amendment stating the Article should go forward to the voters in its original form. John Segedy questioned the legality of the article. Attorney Clark

noted the State and Department of Environmental Services have regulations in effect, which are more restrictive than those being proposed in the Article.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on amendment. The amendment failed.

Linda Mack moved to call the question.

Dennis King moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 22. Selectman Hinch seconded the motion. Moderator Christensen called for a vote. The motion passed.

Stan Heinrich moved to adjourn. Susan Mack seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Trippett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Annual Town Meeting Results

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett

April 11, 2006

The second session of the Merrimack Town Meeting was held on April 11, 2006. The following offices and questions were on the ballot:

Selectman (3 Years) vote for not more than two (2)

"Don" Botsch	536 votes
Janet Cormier	729 votes
Robert E. Dumont	195 votes
Daniel Dwyer	871 votes
"Dick" Hinch	1,969 votes
"Mike" Malzone	2,733 votes
Patrick M. McGrath	1,959 votes
Betty J. Spence	2,838 votes
Andrew Sylvia	266 votes
Jacob Weisberg	151 votes

Mike Malzone and Betty Spence were elected to the position of Selectman and were so declared.

Budget Committee (3 Years) vote for not more than four (4)

"Chris" Ager	3,331 votes
Rodney Buckley	3,051 votes
Carol J. Lang	2,465 votes
Wayne S. Morrison	1,988 votes
Daniel J. O'Donnell	2,063 votes
Jack Rothman	2,862 votes
Jennifer Twardosky	4,257 votes

Chris Ager, Rodney Buckley, Jack Rothman, and Jennifer Twardosky were elected to the position of Budget Committee member and were so declared.

Ethics Committee (3 Years) vote for not more than two (2)

Robert Kelley	4,289 votes
Andrew Sylvia	3,621 votes

Robert Kelley and Andrew Sylvia were elected to the position of Ethics Committee member and were so declared.

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

John E. Lyons	3,356 votes
Bruce W. Moreau	1,464 votes

John E. Lyons was elected to the position of Trustee of Trust Funds and was so declared.

Library Trustee (3 Years) vote for not more than two (2)

Robert Kelley	3,142 votes
Matthew Publicover	1,970 votes
Barbara Tucker	3,360 votes

Robert Kelley and Barbara Tucker were elected to the position of Library Trustee and were so declared.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

Diane Pollock Trippett	4,794 votes
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Diane Pollock Trippett was elected to the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector and was so declared.

Treasurer (3 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

Bruce W. Moreau	1,602 votes
Linda B. Wilson	3,330 votes

Linda B. Wilson was elected to the position of Treasurer and was so declared.

Moderator (2 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

Lynn Christensen	4,713 votes
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Lynn Christensen was elected to the position of Moderator and was so declared.

Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

Margaret M. Petrovic	4,666 votes
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Margaret M. Petrovic was elected to the position of Supervisor of the Checklist and was so declared.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4. Districts I-1 & I-2 Industrial - Permitted Uses, by inserting a new Section C to permit mixed used developments of industrial, commercial, and/or residential, uses in the I-1 Industrial District, on certain qualifying parcels, provided a Conditional Use Permit for the mixed use development is approved by the Merrimack Planning Board according to certain minimum conditions described in the Ordinance?

2,721 Yes

2,711 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11 – Adoption of Codes, by replacing the language at Section 11.02.7, Section 11.02.8, Section 11.10.3, Section 11.10.4, Section 11.13.4, and Section 11.13.5, to bring these Sections – pertaining to Penalties and Unlawful Continuance – into conformance with previous changes to the Zoning Ordinance and NH RSA 676:17?

3,741 Yes

2,002 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 4. Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 for the construction, equipping, and occupancy of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000, by the withdrawal of \$2,700,000 from the Library Building Construction Capital Reserve Fund, by the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Library Trustees Special Funds, and by the use of \$75,000 of income from the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or serial notes? [By Petition] [Article requires 60% vote in favor for approval] *(Recommended by the Board of Library Trustees)* *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5-0)*

1,932 Yes

4,638 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (60% ballot vote required for approval) *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0)*

3,481 Yes

2,801 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 6. Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Summary Explanation – The Charter was developed under the provisions of RSA 49-B, which “...provides a vehicle whereby a municipality may adopt a form of government that best addresses local needs.” The culmination of the Commission’s work has provided a charter that provides a form of government that is Merrimack’s own. The Charter keeps spending in the hands of the voters through the continuation of the deliberative session and all-day ballot voting on appropriations. The governing board is changed from a Board of Selectmen with five members and a budget committee to a Town Council with seven members to increase representation and to meet the demands of modern government and the increase in the Town’s population. Finally, the Charter gives more definition to the roles for administrators and elected officials.

3,660 Yes

2,551 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,180,319? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,306,512, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 11-0-1)*

3,933 Yes
2,424 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 8. Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75%	\$44,103
2007-08	3.75%	\$34,587
2008-09	3.50%	\$26,516

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,103 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatments, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,512 Yes
2,842 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 9. Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 320, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75%	\$128,192
2007-08	3.75%	\$ 96,454
2008-09	3.50%	\$ 77,035
2009-10	3.00%	\$ 70,988
2010-11	3.00%	\$ 70,756

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,192 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,583 Yes

2,873 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 10. Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.00%	\$117,068
2007-08	3.00%	\$109,119
2008-09	3.50%	\$ 80,135
2009-10	3.75%	\$ 79,704
2010-11	3.75%	\$ 84,477

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,068 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement basically covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,804 Yes
2,654 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 11. Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2986, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.50%	\$69,169
2007-08	3.75%	\$91,848
2008-09	3.75%	\$86,861
2009-10	3.00%	\$85,985

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,169 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,203 Yes
3,211 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 12. Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75%	\$70,113
2007-08	3.75%	\$60,711
2008-09	3.50 %	\$58,424
2009-10	3.00 %	\$98,904
2010-11	3.00 %	\$55,352
2011-12	3.00 %	\$56,944

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,113 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,052 Yes

3,235 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? [By Petition] *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

2,490 Yes

3,908 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 14. Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, a Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Expendable Trust Fund for the treatment of variable milfoil or other invasive species in Horseshoe Pond or in any other infected public body of water in Merrimack; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

4,116 Yes

2,117 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 15. Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of municipal buildings, including related equipment, infrastructure, and furnishings; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

2,916 Yes

3,311 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 16. Shall the voters direct that the Town Manager, in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and others to be determined, develop an Open Space Action Plan? The Open Space Action Plan will evaluate the Current Use Change Tax distribution and other available financing methods and will develop a plan that meets the open space goals of the citizens in a fiscally responsible manner. The existing Current Use Change Tax distribution shall not be altered until the study results and recommendations are made available no later than October 2006.

3,892 Yes

2,028 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 17. Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled “Board of Selectmen non-interference ordinance” as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

Explanation – The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the more efficient administration of government for the Town of Merrimack and to provide a working framework for the Board of Selectmen to interact with the Town Manager, Department Heads and town employees by adopting an ordinance for noninterference regarding individual members of the Board with the

Town employees. It prohibits interference by individual members of the Board of Selectmen with town officials in the performance of their duties.

Copies of the ordinance have been posted with the Town Warrant. (*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*)

4,560 Yes

1,539 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 18. Shall the Town of Merrimack oppose the State of New Hampshire highway project to connect U.S. Route 3 in Merrimack with N.H. Route 102 in the town of Litchfield, if this project is to be funded by tolls? Furthermore, on passage of this article, a copy of the article be sent to the Governor of New Hampshire, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the Executive Councilor of New Hampshire District 5, and the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. [By Petition] (*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1*)

4,505 Yes

1,865 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 19. Shall the Town vote to not establish an ordinance regulating noise? [By Petition]

2,674 Yes

3,316 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 20. Shall the Town vote to not establish an ordinance regarding public and private nuisances? [By Petition]

2,562 Yes

3,393 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 21. Shall the vote to not establish an ordinance regulating bus parking and use? [By Petition]

2,578 Yes

3,245 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 22. To see if the Town of Merrimack will vote to discontinue the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund and return all remaining funds the sum of approximately two million, five hundred thirty nine thousand, three hundred and six dollars (\$2,539,306) to the general fund to offset property taxes. [By Petition] *(Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,973 Yes

2,613 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Special Town Election

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett

June 27, 2006

A Special Town Election was held on June 27, 2006. The following offices were on the ballot:

Town Councilor (3 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

Daniel Dwyer 1,196 votes

“Tom” Mahon 1,366 votes

Tom Mahon was elected to the position of Town Councilor and was so declared.

Town Councilor (2 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

Fran L’Heureux 1,130 votes

Finlay Rothhaus 1,398 votes

Finlay Rothhaus was elected to the position of Town Councilor and was so declared.

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

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Independent Auditor's Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Merrimack's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Merrimack as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information on pages i-viii and 21-23, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Merrimack's basic financial statements. The combining financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

August 28, 2006

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Having responsibility for the financial management of the Town of Merrimack ("Town"), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

Financial Highlights

As of June 30, 2006 the assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities by \$100,068,234 (net assets). Of this amount, \$7,904,733 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The Town's net assets increased by \$2,505,707.

As of June 30, 2006, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$25,681,200, an increase of \$1,129,472 in comparison with the prior year. Of this total amount, \$7,335,880 (28.5%) is available for spending at the Town's discretion (unreserved fund balance).

As of June 30, 2006, the \$3,005,408 unreserved fund balance of the General Fund represented 11.7% of total General Fund expenditures.

During the 2005-06 fiscal year, the Town's total debt decreased by \$508,642 (7%). This decrease was due solely to principal payments, as no new debt was issued.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The following discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: government-wide financial statements; fund financial statements; and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during 2005-06. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains six individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other four governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement, because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for all of its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement for the General and Sewer Fund has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The combining statements, referred to above in connection with non-major governmental funds, are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on budgets.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted above, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$100,068,234 at June 30, 2006.

By far the largest portion of the Town's net assets (75.8%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and system, other improvements, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Town of Merrimack Net Assets Governmental Activities

	<u>06/30/06</u>	<u>06/30/05</u>
Current assets	\$ 60,244,239	\$ 58,507,035
Capital assets	<u>81,790,432</u>	<u>80,955,703</u>
Total assets	142,034,671	139,462,738
Long-term liabilities outstanding	7,284,529	7,696,431
Current liabilities	<u>34,681,908</u>	<u>34,203,780</u>
Total liabilities	41,966,437	41,900,211
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	75,885,332	74,541,961
Restricted	16,278,169	10,946,154
Unrestricted	<u>7,904,733</u>	<u>12,074,412</u>
Total net assets	\$ 100,068,234	\$ 97,562,527

An additional portion of the Town's net assets (16%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted

net assets (\$7,904,733) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At June 30, 2006, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental activities. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year.

As indicated by the schedule below, the Town's net assets increased by \$2,505,7057 during 2005-06.

Town of Merrimack
Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2004-05</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 5,503,721	\$ 5,386,465
Operating grants and contributions	1,305,382	1,149,893
Capital grants and contributions	285,694	243,215
General revenues:		
Property taxes and other taxes	13,453,682	13,743,715
Licenses and permits	5,009,547	4,883,006
Investment income	1,633,273	962,404
State shared revenues	1,198,772	1,113,468
Miscellaneous	<u>181,469</u>	<u>596,554</u>
Total revenues	28,571,540	28,078,720
Expenses:		
General government	4,146,051	3,771,483
Public safety	9,513,585	8,839,308
Highways and streets	4,313,110	4,584,249
Health and welfare	172,972	162,227
Sanitation	5,018,467	5,118,444
Culture and recreation	2,638,080	2,483,872
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>263,568</u>	<u>291,412</u>
Total expenses	<u>26,065,833</u>	<u>25,250,995</u>
Change in net assets	2,505,707	2,827,725
Net assets – July 1	<u>97,562,527</u>	<u>94,734,802</u>
Net assets – June 30	\$100,068,234	\$97,562,527

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted above, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2006, the Town's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$25,681,200, an increase of \$1,129,472 in comparison to the prior year. Of this total amount, \$7,335,880 (28.5%) constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the Town's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending, because it has already been committed: to endowments (\$2,065,362); to encumbrances (\$2,067,151); to capital reserve fund expenditures (\$14,212,807).

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. As of June 30, 2006, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$3,005,408, while total fund balance amounted to \$4,911,655. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 14.3% of total general Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 26.8% of that same amount.

Budgetary Highlights

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual demonstrates compliance with the adopted budget for 2005-06. The differences between the original budget and the final amended budget reflect the formal acceptance by the Board of Selectmen of unanticipated grants in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and Warrant Article 22 of the 1994 Town Meeting.

Actual revenues and transfers in of the General Fund exceeded budgetary estimates by \$388,453, while appropriations exceeded expenditures and transfers by \$16,276. This produced a favorable net variance of \$404,729. Major variances are identified below.

- Renewal health insurance rates were significantly less than anticipated, resulting in a savings of over \$550,000.
- A savings of over \$768,000 in wages and other benefits was realized due primarily to vacancies and attrition.
- Litigation involving retirement plan matters caused appropriations for legal fees and legal settlements to be exceeded by more than \$160,000.
- Vehicle Maintenance appropriations were under budgeted in excess of \$114,000
- Sand and Salt appropriations were exceeded in excess of \$113,000.

- Appropriations for solid waste disposal at a remote site exceeded expenditures by over \$107,000 due to an unanticipated reduction in solid waste tonnage from commercial haulers.
- The vehicle appropriation was over spent in excess of \$116,000. The town purchased 4 additional police cruisers and a pick-up truck for the Parks & Recreation department.
- Actual tax abatements were less than projections by approximately \$91,000.

Actual revenues of the Sewer Fund exceeded budgetary estimates by \$73,013, and appropriations exceeded expenditures by \$222,895. This produced a favorable net variance of \$295,908. The only major variance was a shortfall of approximately \$408,000 in industrial sewer rents that was attributable primarily to reduced loadings from Anheuser-Busch.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Town's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2006 amounted to \$75,885,332 (net of accumulated depreciation and related long-term debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, machinery and equipment, roads, bridges, and traffic signals and represents an increase of \$1,343,371 (1.8%) compared to the investment in capital assets at June 30, 2005.

Town of Merrimack Investment in Capital Assets

	<u>06/30/06</u>	<u>06/30/05</u>
Land	\$ 16,426,819	\$ 16,426,819
Buildings and improvements	39,081,609	38,328,481
Land improvements	1,788,336	1,567,000
Vehicles and equipment	19,679,957	18,636,307
Infrastructure	64,101,795	64,101,795
Construction in progress	<u>3,846,762</u>	<u>2,037,196</u>
Total investment in capital assets	144,925,278	141,097,598
Related long-term debt	(5,905,100)	(6,413,742)
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(63,134,846)</u>	<u>(60,141,895)</u>
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 75,885,332	\$ 74,541,961

The increase in the Town's investment in capital assets is explained below.

Fire Department Ambulance	\$ 124,201
DPW Salt Shed	336,656
Two dump trucks for Highway Division	235,450
Three loaders for Wastewater Treatment Division	298,553
Vac Con Sewer truck for Wastewater Treatment Division	238,981
Joppa Road Improvements	147,225
Thornton Ferry Sewer line	394,672
Camp Sargent Sewer Line Improvements	221,540
Other capital assets acquisitions - individually less than \$100,000	2,261,406
Decrease in related long-term debt	508,642
Depreciation	(3,079,751)
Book value of disposals	(344,204)
Net increase	\$ 1,343,371

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of the financial statements.

Long-term debt. As of June 30, 2006, the Town had total long-term debt outstanding of \$5,905,100. Although \$2,655,100 of this debt will be paid from sewer rents, the entire amount is backed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Town of Merrimack Long-Term Debt

	<u>06/30/06</u>	<u>06/30/05</u>
Land acquisition bonds	3,250,000	3,525,000
Compost facility bonds	<u>2,655,100</u>	<u>2,888,742</u>
Total long-term debt	\$5,905,100	\$6,413,742

During 2005-06, the Town's total debt decreased by \$508,642 (8%). This decrease was due solely to principal payments, as no new debt was issued.

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 8 of the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Tax Rate

Economic factors. The general outlook for the Town's economy is positive. Although the unemployment rate for Merrimack stayed at 3.5% from the previous year, it still compares favorably with the state and national averages of 3.6% and 4.8%, respectively. Furthermore, it appears that the steady industrial, commercial, and residential growth that Merrimack has experienced in recent years will continue to increase the tax base and to provide diverse employment opportunities.

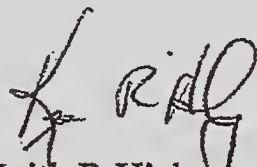
Next year's budget and tax rate. The 2006-07 budget has been adopted, and the 2006 property tax rate has been set. Municipal appropriations, net of non-tax revenues, have decreased by \$4,371,189 (32.8%) compared to 2005-06 net appropriations, and the municipal portion of the tax rate decreased by 44.8%. The use of General Fund surplus and the return of the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund for tax relief more than offset the impact of wage adjustments. In addition the Town of Merrimack conducted a town wide revaluation. This revaluation increased the assessed values by \$585,753,461 or 22.6%. However, due primarily to an increase of over \$168,000 (.5%) in the Merrimack School District's net appropriations and a decrease of over \$188,000 (2.5%) in state aid for education, the 2006 property tax rate and the average 2006 property tax bill will decrease by approximately 24.3%.

Requests For Information

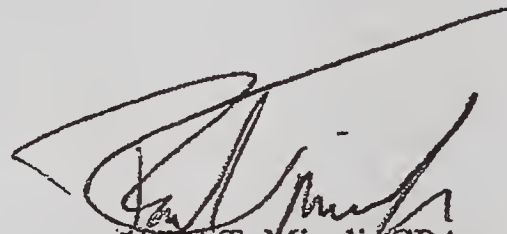
This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to the following address.

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Selectmen's Office
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Merrimack, NH 03054

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager



Paul T. Micali, CPA
Finance Administrator

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,989
Equity in pooled cash and investments	33,814,702
Investments	17,028,884
Taxes receivable, net	7,051,332
Accounts receivable, net	1,406,308
Due from other governments	702,630
Prepaid expenses	129,515
Inventory	75,879
Total Current Assets	<u>60,244,239</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	20,273,581
Capital assets, net	<u>61,516,851</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>81,790,432</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 142,034,671</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,102,173
Accrued expenses	663,426
Retainage payable	227,405
Deferred revenue	30,832,745
Due to other governments	10,000
Deposits	747,504
Current portion of bonds payable	519,465
Current portion of compensated absences payable	549,190
Current portion of estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs	<u>30,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>34,681,908</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds payable	5,385,635
Compensated absences	1,118,894
Estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs	<u>780,000</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>7,284,529</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>41,966,437</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	75,885,332
Restricted	16,278,169
Unrestricted	<u>7,904,733</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>100,068,234</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 142,034,671</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 4,146,051	\$ 115,158	\$ 221,540		\$ (3,809,353)
Public safety	9,513,585	1,016,798	499,347		(7,997,440)
Highways and streets	4,313,110	6,500	583,257		(3,723,353)
Health and welfare	172,972				(172,972)
Sanitation	5,018,467	4,157,161		\$ 285,694	(575,612)
Culture and recreation	2,638,080	208,104	1,238		(2,428,738)
Interest and fiscal charges	263,568	-	-	-	(263,568)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 26,065,833</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,305,382</u>	<u>\$ 285,694</u>	<u>(18,971,036)</u>
General revenues:					
Property and other taxes					13,453,682
Licenses and permits					5,009,547
Grants and contributions:					
State shared revenues					1,194,694
Railroad tax					4,078
Interest and investment earnings					1,633,273
Miscellaneous					181,469
Total general revenues and special items					<u>21,476,743</u>
Change in net assets					2,505,707
Net assets - beginning					<u>97,562,527</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 100,068,234</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2006

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Capital Reserve Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,562		\$ 3,340	\$ 28,087	\$ 34,989
Equity in pooled cash and investments	30,217,753	\$ 1,852,920	1,081,857	662,172	33,814,702
Investments			13,578,766	3,450,118	17,028,884
Taxes receivable, net	6,948,105		119,641		7,067,746
Accounts receivable, net	781,624	619,247		5,437	1,406,308
Due from other governments	539,442	163,188			702,630
Due from other funds	145,087	432,435	6,500		584,022
Prepaid expenses	129,515				129,515
Inventory	75,879				75,879
Total Assets	<u>\$ 38,840,967</u>	<u>\$ 3,067,790</u>	<u>\$ 14,790,104</u>	<u>\$ 4,145,814</u>	<u>\$ 60,844,675</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 638,369	\$ 459,007		\$ 4,797	\$ 1,102,173
Accrued expenses	576,575	6,817			583,392
Retainage payable	108,845	118,560			227,405
Deferred revenue	31,292,329	32,155		35,305	31,359,789
Due to other governments	10,000				10,000
Due to other funds	6,500		\$ 577,297	225	584,022
Deposits	747,504				747,504
Accrued compensated absences payable	549,190				549,190
Total Liabilities	<u>33,929,312</u>	<u>616,539</u>	<u>577,297</u>	<u>40,327</u>	<u>35,163,475</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Reserved for endowments				2,065,362	2,065,362
Reserved for encumbrances	1,906,247	117,231		43,673	2,067,151
Reserved for special purposes			14,212,807		14,212,807
Unreserved, reported in:					
General fund	3,005,408				3,005,408
Special revenue funds		2,334,020		773,355	3,107,375
Permanent funds				1,223,097	1,223,097
Total Fund Balances	<u>4,911,655</u>	<u>2,451,251</u>	<u>14,212,807</u>	<u>4,105,487</u>	<u>25,681,200</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 38,840,967</u>	<u>\$ 3,067,790</u>	<u>\$ 14,790,104</u>	<u>\$ 4,145,814</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of
net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities (other than tax deeded property)
are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds 81,774,018

Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the
statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis 527,044

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current
period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term
liabilities at year end consist of:

Bonds payable (5,905,100)
Accrued interest on long-term obligations (80,034)
Compensated absences (1,118,894)
Estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs (810,000)

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 100,068,234

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Revenues:

Taxes	\$ 12,804,250	General Fund			
Licenses and permits	4,783,382				
Intergovernmental	2,504,154	\$ 725			
Charges for services	1,776,028	285,694			
Investment income	840,526	3,680,646			
Miscellaneous	144,551	255,119			
Total Revenues	<u>22,852,891</u>	<u>4,222,758</u>			

Expenditures:

Current operations:					
General government	3,664,345				
Public safety	8,924,698				
Highways and streets	2,672,091				
Health and welfare	172,972				
Sanitation	1,281,796	2,882,911			
Culture and recreation	2,296,693				
Capital outlay	1,472,696	61,772			
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	275,000				
Interest and fiscal charges	135,560				
Total Expenditures	<u>20,895,851</u>	<u>3,312,133</u>			

Excess of revenues over
(under) expenditures

1,957,040

Other financing sources (uses):

Operating transfers in	179				
Operating transfers out	(1,602,300)				
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,602,121)</u>	<u>(5,650,000)</u>			

Excess of revenues and other sources
under expenditures and other uses

354,919

Fund balances at beginning of year

4,556,736

Fund balances at end of year

\$ 4,911,655

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Net Change in Fund Balances--Total Governmental Funds	\$ 13,323,055				\$ 1,129,472
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	5,009,547				
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	2,789,848				
	5,503,721				
	1,633,273				
	182,969				
	<u>28,442,413</u>				
Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the amount of the net loss on the disposal of capital assets reduced by the actual proceeds received from the sale of capital assets.	3,799,539				873,850
	8,980,860				
	2,672,091				
	172,972				
	4,164,707				
	2,453,366				
	4,291,396				
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	508,642				(39,121)
	269,368				
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	<u>27,312,941</u>				130,627
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	1,129,472				508,642
Some expense reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences and the estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	7,252,479				5,800
	<u>(7,252,479)</u>				
	-				
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	1,129,472				<u>(103,563)</u>
	24,551,728				
	<u>\$ 25,681,200</u>				<u>\$ 2,505,707</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2006

		Agency Funds
	ASSETS	
Investments		\$ 2,650,931
Total assets		<u>\$ 2,650,931</u>
	LIABILITIES	
Due to other governments		\$ 2,650,931
Total liabilities		<u>\$ 2,650,931</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Pension Trust <u>Fund</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Administrative expenses	\$ 742
Total Deductions	<u>742</u>
Change in Net Assets	(742)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>742</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America for local governmental units, except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire (the Town) was incorporated in 1746. The Town operates under the Town Meeting/Town Manager form of government and performs local governmental functions authorized by State law.

The financial statements include those of the various departments governed by the Board of Selectmen and other officials with financial responsibility, including the Town Trustees of Trust Funds and the Trustees of the Merrimack Public Library.

Basis of Presentation

The Town's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Town as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Town at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Town. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

2. Fund Financial Statements:

During the year, the Town segregates transactions related to certain Town functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Town at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

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Fund Accounting

The Town uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

1. Governmental Funds:

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Town's major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the operating fund of the Town and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Sewer Fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the Town's sanitation operations.

The Capital Reserve Funds account for all financial resources of the various trust arrangements, held by the Trustees of Trust Funds in which the principal and income benefit the various departments of the Town.

2. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category has one classification: agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Town under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's agency fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve the measurement of results of operations. The Town's agency fund accounts for the School District's capital reserve funds.

Measurement Focus

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Town are included on the Statement of Net Assets.

2. Fund Financial Statements:

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses)

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of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

1. Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Town, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 2). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Town must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Town on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year end: property taxes and interest on investments.

Licenses and permits, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues (except interest on investments) are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

2. Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred revenue. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

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3. Expenses/Expenditures:

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization are not recognized in governmental funds.

Budgetary Data

The Town's budget represents departmental appropriations as authorized by annual or special Town meetings. The Selectmen may transfer funds between operating categories as they deem necessary. The Town adopts its budget under State regulations, which differ somewhat from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that the focus is on the entire governmental unit rather than on the basis of fund types.

State law requires balanced budgets but permits the use of beginning fund balance to reduce the property tax rate. For the year ended June 30, 2006, the Town applied \$553,433 of its unappropriated fund balance to fund appropriations and to reduce property taxes.

Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders and other commitments for expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in Governmental Funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as a component of fund balance since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities, but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools its cash resources for the governmental funds. Cash applicable to a particular fund is reflected as "equity in pooled cash and investments". If a cash deficiency occurs it is recorded as an interfund balance. The deposits and investments of the Library Fund, the Capital Reserve and Permanent Funds are held separately from those of other Town funds.

Investments

Investments are stated at their fair value in all funds. The investment in land in the permanent fund is stated at cost. Certificates of deposit with a maturity of greater than ninety days from the date of issuance are included in investments.

Taxes Receivable

Taxes levied during the current fiscal year and prior and uncollected at June 30, 2006 are recorded as receivables net of reserves for estimated uncollectibles of \$49,116.

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Prepaid Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2006 are recorded as prepaid items.

Inventory

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when purchased.

Capital Assets

General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets including infrastructure are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Town maintains a capitalization threshold of \$10,000. The Town’s infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, sidewalks, sewer collection and treatment system, and similar items. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the Town’s historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure		50
Land improvements		7-50
Buildings and improvements		20-45
Vehicles and equipment		6-20

Compensated Absences

Employees earn vacation and sick leave as they provide services. Provision is made in the annual budget for vacation and sick leave. Pursuant to Town personnel policy and collective bargaining agreements, employees may accumulate (subject to certain limitations) unused sick pay earned and, upon retirement, resignation or death will be compensated for such amounts at current rates of pay.

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For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are reported as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee death or retirement. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. General obligation bonds that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances on any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Town's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

Fund Balance Reserves

The Town reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance reserve has been established for encumbrances and special purposes.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2--PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes are levied on the assessed valuation of all taxable real property as of the prior April 1 (\$2,597,832,640 as of April 1, 2005) and are due in two installments on July 1, 2005 and December 5, 2005. Taxes paid after the due dates accrue interest at 12% per annum. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when received in cash or if available to finance current period operations (within sixty days of year end).

Under State law, the Tax Collector obtains tax liens on properties which have unpaid taxes in the following calendar year after taxes were due for the amount of unpaid taxes, interest and costs. These priority tax liens accrue interest at 18% per annum. If the property is not redeemed within a two year redemption period, the property is tax dedeed to the Town.

In accordance with State law, the Town collects taxes for the Merrimack School District and Hillsborough County, independent governmental units, which are remitted to them as required by law. The Town also collects State of New Hampshire Education taxes, which are remitted directly to the school district. Taxes appropriated during the year were \$43,366,637 and \$3,210,701 for the Merrimack School District and Hillsborough County, respectively. These taxes are not recognized as revenues in these financial statements. The Town bears responsibility for uncollected taxes.

NOTE 3--RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended June 30, 2006, the Town was a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association Property-Liability Insurance Trust, Inc. (NHMA-PLIT) and the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (PRIMEX). The Town currently reports all of its risk management activities in its General Fund. The Trust is classified as a "Risk Pool" in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NHMA-PLIT is a Trust organized to provide certain property and liability insurance coverages to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivision of New Hampshire. As a member of the NHMA-PLIT, the Town shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefits from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The program includes a Self Insured Retention Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered property, crime and/or liability loss.

PRIMEX provides statutory worker's compensation coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. The Trust is self-sustaining through annual member premiums and provides coverage for the statutorily required workers' compensation benefits and employer's liability coverage up to \$2,000,000. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered claim.

The Trust agreements permit the Trusts to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require members of pools with a sharing of risk to determine whether or not such assessment is probable and, if so, a reasonable estimate of such assessment. At this time, the Trusts foresee no likelihood of an additional assessment for any of the past years.

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Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Based on the best available information there is no liability at June 30, 2006.

NOTE 4--CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2006 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,989
Equity in pooled cash and investments	33,814,702
Investments	17,028,884
Statement of fiduciary net assets:	
Investments	<u>2,650,931</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 53,529,506</u>

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2006 consist of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ 3,562
Deposits with financial institutions	32,865,838
Investments	<u>20,660,106</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 53,529,506</u>

The Town has combined the cash resources of its governmental fund types. For accounting and reporting purposes, that portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as equity in pooled cash and investments.

The Town's investment policy for governmental fund types requires that deposits and investments be made in New Hampshire based financial institutions that are participants in one of the federal depository insurance programs. A maximum of \$2,000,000 may be invested without perfected collateral in any one bank. An unsecured deposit or an investment of more than \$100,000 must meet criteria set by the Board of Selectmen regarding the bank's financial condition. The Town participates in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, (NHPDIP) an external investment pool. The NHPDIP is not registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. The NHPDIP was created by state law and is administered by a public body of state, local and banking officials. Investments for other funds are at the discretion of the trustees of those funds.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the Town manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time.

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Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of investments by maturity:

<u>Investment Type</u>		<u>Remaining Maturity (in Years)</u>		
		<u>0-1 Years</u>	<u>1-5 Years</u>	<u>More Than 5 Years</u>
U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 261,678	\$ 261,678		
U.S. Treasury Notes	7,967,748	6,326,493	\$ 1,641,255	
Corporate bonds	43,315			\$ 43,315
	<u>\$ 8,272,741</u>	<u>\$ 6,588,171</u>	<u>\$ 1,641,255</u>	<u>\$ 43,315</u>

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

		<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Not Rated</u>
Corporate bonds	\$ 43,315	\$ 15,955	\$ 9,076	\$ 18,284	
Mutual funds	895,785				\$ 895,785
	<u>\$ 939,100</u>	<u>\$ 15,955</u>	<u>\$ 9,076</u>	<u>\$ 18,284</u>	<u>\$ 895,785</u>

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party.

Of the Town's deposits with financial institutions at year end \$10,133,581 was collateralized by securities held by the bank in the bank's name. As of June 30, 2006, District investments in the following investment types were held by the same counterparty that was used to buy the securities.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>
Equity securities	\$ 2,730,902
Corporate bonds	43,315
Mutual funds	768,692
	<u>\$ 3,542,909</u>

NOTE 5--DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Receivables from other governments at June 30, 2006 consists of state shared revenues, EPA funding and other miscellaneous amounts due from federal and state sources. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables is as follows:

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Due from State of New Hampshire	\$ 215,566
Due from U.S. Treasury	478,383
Due from other municipalities	8,681
	<u>\$ 702,630</u>

NOTE 6--CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets in the governmental funds:

	Balance 07/01/05	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/06
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 16,426,819			\$ 16,426,819
Construction in process	2,037,196	\$ 1,809,566		3,846,762
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>18,464,015</u>	<u>1,809,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,273,581</u>
Other capital assets:				
Infrastructure	64,101,795			64,101,795
Land improvements	1,567,000	221,336		1,788,336
Buildings and improvements	38,328,481	753,128		39,081,609
Vehicles and equipment	18,636,307	1,474,654	\$ (431,004)	19,679,957
Total other capital assets at historical cost	<u>122,633,583</u>	<u>2,449,118</u>	<u>(431,004)</u>	<u>124,651,697</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(30,232,701)	(1,278,070)		(31,510,771)
Land improvements	(858,219)	(60,387)		(918,606)
Buildings and improvements	(18,536,498)	(651,297)		(19,187,795)
Vehicles and equipment	(10,514,477)	(1,089,997)	86,800	(11,517,674)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(60,141,895)</u>	<u>(3,079,751)</u>	<u>86,800</u>	<u>(63,134,846)</u>
Total other capital assets, net	<u>62,491,688</u>	<u>(630,633)</u>	<u>(344,204)</u>	<u>61,516,851</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 80,955,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,933</u>	<u>\$ (344,204)</u>	<u>\$ 81,790,432</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 58,878
Public safety	371,633
Highways and streets	1,557,642
Sanitation	952,750
Culture and recreation	138,848
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 3,079,751</u>

NOTE 7—EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

New Hampshire Retirement System

Plan Description

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the NHRS Board of Trustees. The plan provides

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service, disability, death and vested retirement allowances to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature. The NHRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NHRS. That report may be obtained by writing to New Hampshire Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

Funding Policy

Covered public safety employees are required to contribute 9.3% of their covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Town's contribution rates for the covered payroll of police officers and fire employees were 5.33% and 13.44%, respectively. The Town contributes 65% of the employer cost for police officers and fire employees and the State contributes the remaining 35% of the employer cost. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GASB #24), on-behalf fringe benefits contributed by the State of New Hampshire of \$344,832 have been reported as a revenue and expenditure of the General Fund in these financial statements.

Per RSA-100:16, plan member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature and employer contribution rates are determined by the NHRS Board of Trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The Town's contributions to the NHRS for the years ending June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$983,739, \$762,982, and \$533,812, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 8—LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the Town's long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2006 are as follows:

	Balance 07/01/05	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/06	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds payable	\$ 6,413,742		\$ (508,642)	\$ 5,905,100	\$ 519,465
Compensated absences	1,396,633	\$ 271,451		1,668,084	549,190
	<u>\$ 7,810,375</u>	<u>\$ 271,451</u>	<u>\$ (508,642)</u>	<u>\$ 7,573,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,068,655</u>

Payments on the general obligation bonds are paid out of the General Fund and the Sewer Fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund. Payments on the landfill postclosure care costs are paid out of the General Fund.

General Obligation Bonds

Bonds payable at June 30, 2006 are comprised of the following individual issues:

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\$4,725,549 Organic Waste Composting Facility Bonds due in annual payments of \$367,449, including interest at 4.632%, through April 1, 2015 \$ 2,655,100

\$4,075,000 Green's Pond Land Bond due in annual installments of \$270,000 - \$275,000 through August 15, 2017; interest at 3.0% - 4.5% 3,250,000
\$ 5,905,100

Debt service requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2006 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2007	\$ 519,465	\$ 249,607	\$ 769,072
2008	530,788	228,659	759,447
2009	537,637	206,597	744,234
2010	550,033	183,401	733,434
2011	563,005	159,629	722,634
2012-2016	2,664,172	417,457	3,081,629
2017-2018	540,000	24,165	564,165
	<u>\$ 5,905,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,515</u>	<u>\$ 7,374,615</u>

As included on the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B), interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2006 was \$263,568 on general obligation debt for the Town of Merrimack.

NOTE 9—LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that the Town place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure. An estimated liability has been recorded based on the future postclosure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the landfill no longer accepts waste. These postclosure care costs are based on the amount of the landfill used. The estimated liability for postclosure care costs has a balance of \$810,000 as of June 30, 2006, which is based on 98.5% usage of the landfill. The estimated total cost of postclosure care of \$810,000 is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities and services required to monitor and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 2006. However, the actual cost of postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

The remaining postclosure care costs are expected to be financed in the General Fund.

The following is a summary of changes in the estimated liability for closure and postclosure care costs for the year ended June 30, 2006:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>07/01/05</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/06</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 952,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (142,000)</u>	<u>\$ 810,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

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NOTE 10—INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

The Town has combined the cash resources of its governmental fund types. For accounting and reporting purposes, that portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as an interfund balance. Interfund balances at June 30, 2006 are as follows:

		Due from			
		General	Capital	Other	
		Fund	Reserve	Governmental	Totals
			Funds	Funds	
Due to	General Fund		\$ 144,862	\$ 225	\$ 145,087
	Sewer Fund		432,435		432,435
	Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 6,500			6,500
		<u>\$ 6,500</u>	<u>\$ 577,297</u>	<u>\$ 225</u>	<u>\$ 584,022</u>

During the year, several interfund transactions occurred between funds. The General Fund received \$179 from the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund as the fund was discontinued. The Heritage Commission Fund and the Capital Reserve Funds received funds from the General Fund. The Capital Reserve Funds also received funds from the Sewer Fund. Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2006 are as follows:

		Transfer from			
		General	Sewer	Capital	
		Fund	Fund	Reserve	Totals
				Funds	
Transfer to	General Fund			\$ 179	\$ 179
	Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 1,599,000	\$ 5,650,000		7,249,000
	Other Governmental Funds	3,300			3,300
		<u>\$ 1,602,300</u>	<u>\$ 5,650,000</u>	<u>\$ 179</u>	<u>\$ 7,252,479</u>

NOTE 11--RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net assets are restricted for specific purposes as follows:

	Governmental
	Activities
Endowments	\$ 2,065,362
Capital Reserve	14,212,807
	<u>\$ 16,278,169</u>

NOTE 12—PERMANENT FUNDS

Cemetery care funds are accounted for as permanent funds. The principal amounts of all cemetery care funds are restricted in that only income earned may be expended. Principal and income balances at June 30, 2006 are as follows:

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cemetery Funds	\$ 2,035,362	\$ 1,221,147	\$ 3,256,509
Library Funds	30,000	1,950	31,950
	<u>\$ 2,065,362</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,097</u>	<u>\$ 3,288,459</u>

NOTE 13—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Other Contingencies

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

SCHEDULE 1**TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE****Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances****Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - General Fund****For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 12,684,789	\$ 12,684,789	\$ 12,934,877	\$ 250,088
Licenses and permits	4,681,642	4,681,642	4,783,382	101,740
Intergovernmental	2,949,446	2,624,592	2,329,241	(295,351)
Charges for services	1,786,373	1,716,643	1,774,539	57,896
Interest income	400,000	400,000	840,526	440,526
Miscellaneous	516,739	311,636	145,011	(166,625)
Total Revenues	<u>23,018,989</u>	<u>22,419,302</u>	<u>22,807,576</u>	<u>388,274</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	3,921,883	3,421,909	3,670,766	(248,857)
Public safety	9,340,428	9,341,403	8,599,610	741,793
Highways and streets	2,618,940	2,755,644	2,650,852	104,792
Health and welfare	161,879	162,178	172,972	(10,794)
Sanitation	1,335,126	1,335,126	1,240,831	94,295
Culture and recreation	2,647,561	2,422,561	2,329,447	93,114
Capital outlay	1,533,744	1,521,206	2,279,274	(758,068)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	275,000	275,000	275,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	135,561	135,561	135,560	1
Total Expenditures	<u>21,970,122</u>	<u>21,370,588</u>	<u>21,354,312</u>	<u>16,276</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,048,867</u>	<u>1,048,714</u>	<u>1,453,264</u>	<u>404,550</u>
Other financing uses:				
Operating transfers in			179	179
Operating transfers out	(1,602,300)	(1,602,300)	(1,602,300)	-
Total other financing uses	<u>(1,602,300)</u>	<u>(1,602,300)</u>	<u>(1,602,121)</u>	<u>179</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures and other uses	(553,433)	(553,586)	(148,857)	404,729
Fund balances at beginning of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>3,945,325</u>	<u>3,945,325</u>	<u>3,945,325</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 3,391,892</u>	<u>\$ 3,391,739</u>	<u>\$ 3,796,468</u>	<u>\$ 404,729</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - Sewer Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	
Revenues:				
Licenses and permits	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 725	\$ 125
Intergovernmental	-	95,570	285,694	190,124
Charges for services	3,927,075	3,927,075	3,680,646	(246,429)
Interest income	125,000	125,000	255,119	130,119
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	574	(926)
Total Revenues	<u>4,054,175</u>	<u>4,149,745</u>	<u>4,222,758</u>	<u>73,013</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Sanitation	3,079,925	3,175,495	2,903,594	271,901
Capital outlay	12,000	12,000	61,005	(49,005)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	233,643	233,643	233,642	1
Interest and fiscal charges	133,806	133,806	133,808	(2)
Total Expenditures	<u>3,459,374</u>	<u>3,554,944</u>	<u>3,332,049</u>	<u>222,895</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>594,801</u>	<u>594,801</u>	<u>890,709</u>	<u>295,908</u>
Other financing uses:				
Operating transfers out	-	(5,650,000)	(5,650,000)	-
Total other financing uses	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,650,000)</u>	<u>(5,650,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>594,801</u>	<u>(5,055,199)</u>	<u>(4,759,291)</u>	<u>295,908</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>7,093,311</u>	<u>7,093,311</u>	<u>7,093,311</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 7,688,112</u>	<u>\$ 2,038,112</u>	<u>\$ 2,334,020</u>	<u>\$ 295,908</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2006

NOTE 1—BUDGET TO ACTUAL RECONCILIATION

General Fund

Amounts recorded as budgetary amounts in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund (Schedule 1) and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – Sewer Fund (Schedule 2) are reported on the basis budgeted by the Town. Those amounts differ from those reported in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds (Exhibit D). Property tax budgetary revenues are recognized when levied rather than when susceptible to accrual. General Fund budgetary expenditures were adjusted for encumbrances and on-behalf payments for fringe benefits as follows:

	<u>Revenues and Transfers</u>	<u>Expenditures and Transfers</u>
Exhibit D	\$ 22,853,070	\$ 22,498,151
Difference in property taxes meeting susceptible to accrual criteria	130,627	
Encumbrances, June 30, 2005	(95,126)	(1,102,954)
Encumbrances, June 30, 2006	264,016	1,906,247
On-behalf fringe benefits	(344,832)	(344,832)
Schedule 1	<u>\$ 22,807,755</u>	<u>\$ 22,956,612</u>

Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund budgetary expenditures were adjusted for encumbrances as follows:

	<u>Expenditures and Transfers</u>
Exhibit D	\$ 8,962,133
Encumbrances, June 30, 2005	(97,315)
Encumbrances, June 30, 2006	117,231
Schedule 2	<u>\$ 8,982,049</u>

SCHEDULE A
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combining Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds
June 30, 2006

	Special Revenue <u>Funds</u>	Permanent <u>Funds</u>	Combining <u>Totals</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,035	\$ 10,052	\$ 28,087
Equity in pooled cash and investments	662,172		662,172
Investments	171,486	3,278,632	3,450,118
Accounts receivable, net	5,437	-	5,437
Total Assets	<u>\$ 857,130</u>	<u>\$ 3,288,684</u>	<u>\$ 4,145,814</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,797		\$ 4,797
Deferred revenue	35,305		35,305
Due to other funds		\$ 225	225
Total Liabilities	<u>40,102</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>40,327</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for endowments		2,065,362	2,065,362
Reserved for encumbrances	43,673		43,673
Unreserved, reported in:			
Special revenue funds	773,355		773,355
Permanent funds		1,223,097	1,223,097
Total Fund Balances	<u>817,028</u>	<u>3,288,459</u>	<u>4,105,487</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 857,130</u>	<u>\$ 3,288,684</u>	<u>\$ 4,145,814</u>

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combining Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2006

	Library Fine Fund	Fire Protection Area Fund	Cable Television Fund	Heritage Commission Fund	Combining Totals
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 18,035				\$ 18,035
Equity in pooled cash and investments		\$ 39,777	\$ 604,715	\$ 17,680	662,172
Investments	171,486				171,486
Accounts receivable		4,977	460		5,437
Total Assets	<u>\$ 189,521</u>	<u>\$ 44,754</u>	<u>\$ 605,175</u>	<u>\$ 17,680</u>	<u>\$ 857,130</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable		\$ 4,680	\$ 117		\$ 4,797
Deferred revenue		24,117	10,000	\$ 1,188	35,305
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>28,797</u>	<u>10,117</u>	<u>1,188</u>	<u>40,102</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Reserved for encumbrances			38,906	4,767	43,673
Unreserved, reported in:					
Special revenue funds	189,521	15,957	556,152	11,725	773,355
Total Fund Balances	<u>189,521</u>	<u>15,957</u>	<u>595,058</u>	<u>16,492</u>	<u>817,028</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 189,521</u>	<u>\$ 44,754</u>	<u>\$ 605,175</u>	<u>\$ 17,680</u>	<u>\$ 857,130</u>

SCHEDULE B
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Special Revenue <u>Funds</u>	Permanent <u>Funds</u>	Combining <u>Totals</u>
Revenues:			
Licenses and permits	\$ 225,440		\$ 225,440
Charges for services	47,047		47,047
Investment income	38,299	\$ 189,329	227,628
Miscellaneous	37,844	-	37,844
Total Revenues	<u>348,630</u>	<u>189,329</u>	<u>537,959</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government		98,382	98,382
Public safety	56,162		56,162
Culture and recreation	156,673		156,673
Capital outlay	20,996		20,996
Total Expenditures	<u>233,831</u>	<u>98,382</u>	<u>332,213</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>114,799</u>	<u>90,947</u>	<u>205,746</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	3,300		3,300
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>3,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,300</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	118,099	90,947	209,046
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>698,929</u>	<u>3,197,512</u>	<u>3,896,441</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 817,028</u>	<u>\$ 3,288,459</u>	<u>\$ 4,105,487</u>

SCHEDULE B-1

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Library Fine Fund	Fire Protection Area Fund	Cable Television Fund	Heritage Commission Fund	Combining Totals
Revenues:					
Licenses and permits			\$ 225,440		\$ 225,440
Charges for services		\$ 47,047			47,047
Investment income	\$ 15,119	1,488	21,122	\$ 570	38,299
Miscellaneous	35,565	-		2,279	37,844
Total Revenues	<u>50,684</u>	<u>48,535</u>	<u>246,562</u>	<u>2,849</u>	<u>348,630</u>
Expenditures:					
Current operations:					
Public safety		56,162			56,162
Culture and recreation	23,361		131,555	1,757	156,673
Capital outlay		-	20,996	-	20,996
Total Expenditures	<u>23,361</u>	<u>56,162</u>	<u>152,551</u>	<u>1,757</u>	<u>233,831</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>27,323</u>	<u>(7,627)</u>	<u>94,011</u>	<u>1,092</u>	<u>114,799</u>
Other financing sources:					
Operating transfers in				3,300	3,300
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures	27,323	(7,627)	94,011	4,392	118,099
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>162,198</u>	<u>23,584</u>	<u>501,047</u>	<u>12,100</u>	<u>698,929</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 189,521</u>	<u>\$ 15,957</u>	<u>\$ 595,058</u>	<u>\$ 16,492</u>	<u>\$ 817,028</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	
JUNE 30, 2006	
<u>Landfill Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	-
Transfer to General Fund	(178.99)
Investment income	<u>178.99</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	-
<u>Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	316,689.51
Transfer from General Fund	200,000.00
Investment income	<u>28,102.12</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	544,791.63
<u>Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	147,883.86
Expenditures:	
Ambulance	(117,701.00)
Transfer from General Fund	60,000.00
Investment income	<u>5,211.12</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	95,393.98
<u>Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	455,980.37
Expenditures:	
Dump trucks - 2	(233,949.52)
Bucket truck	(72,191.00)
Transfer from General Fund	225,000.00
Investment income	<u>10,579.20</u>
Balance - 06/30/05	385,419.05
<u>Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	5,893.31
Investment income	<u>186.34</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	6,079.65
<u>Wastewater Treatment Facility Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	51,722.89
Investment income	<u>1,498.11</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	53,221.00

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	
JUNE 30, 2006	
<u>Land Bank Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	435,110.13
Investment income	<u>8,728.44</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	443,838.57
<u>Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	437,510.45
Expenditures:	
Bedford Road Bridge	(37,176.92)
Transfer from General Fund	60,000.00
Investment income	<u>17,705.44</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	478,038.97
<u>Playground Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	53,279.61
Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00
Investment income	<u>1,138.29</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	64,417.90
<u>Sewer Line Extension Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	718,699.72
Expenditures:	
Thornton Ferry sewer line	(298,517.25)
Transfer from General Fund	175,000.00
Investment income	<u>15,938.89</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	611,121.36
<u>Sidewalks and Bike Paths Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	165,307.92
Expenditures:	
DW Highway sidewalk	(11,000.82)
Transfer from General Fund	45,000.00
Investment income	<u>4,029.36</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	203,336.46
<u>Library Roof Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	19,246.32
Transfer from General Fund	2,000.00
Investment income	<u>600.11</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	21,846.43

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	
JUNE 30, 2006	
<u>Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	2,539,306.41
Expenditures:	
Design	(2,900.00)
Transfer from General Fund	125,000.00
Investment income	<u>35,154.43</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	2,696,560.84
<u>Drainage Improvements Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	335,511.58
Transfer from General Fund	80,000.00
Investment income	<u>10,649.70</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	426,161.28
<u>Wastewater Treatment System Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	665,948.95
Expenditures:	
Interceptor manhole repair	(23,092.30)
Scada Project	(40,994.00)
CIP Project - Engineering	(1,382.51)
Reeds Ferry Sewer - Engineering	(24,168.59)
Phase I upgrade - eng	(264,221.04)
Phase I upgrade - Construction	(995,720.77)
Sewer Cleaner Truck	(272,071.00)
Loaders	(33,000.00)
Transfer from Sewer Fund	5,650,000.00
Investment income	<u>15,106.08</u>
Balance - 06/30/05	4,676,404.82
<u>Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	65,686.45
Expenditures:	
Finance High Speed Printer	(10,130.00)
Tax Collector Software	(23,230.80)
Transfer from General Fund	50,000.00
Investment income	<u>2,382.48</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	84,708.13

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2006

<u>Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	10,216.55
Transfer from General Fund	25,000.00
Investment income	<u>924.36</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	36,140.91
<u>Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	245,498.27
Expenditures:	
Salt shed construction	(260,000.00)
Transfer from General Fund	15,000.00
Investment income	<u>8,690.87</u>
Balance - 06/30/05	9,189.14
<u>South Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	136,400.94
Investment income	<u>2,471.49</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	138,872.43
<u>Athletic Fields Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	80,764.89
Transfer from General Fund	75,000.00
Investment income	<u>3,615.79</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	159,380.68
<u>Daniel Webster Highway Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	437,363.95
Expenditures:	
Columbia Circle intersection	(400.00)
Transfer from General Fund	110,000.00
Investment income	<u>11,676.83</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	558,640.78
<u>Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	870,848.33
Expenditures:	
Tinker Road reconstruction	(14,084.00)
Transfer from General Fund	265,000.00
Investment income	<u>28,048.21</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	1,149,812.54

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	
JUNE 30, 2006	
<u>Northwest Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	89,804.01
Transfer from General Fund	30,000.00
Investment income	<u>2,443.15</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	122,247.16
<u>Traffic Signal Pre-Emption Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	5,754.40
Transfer from General Fund	12,000.00
Investment income	<u>589.59</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	18,343.99
<u>Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	-
Transfer from General Fund	25,000.00
Investment income	<u>884.16</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	25,884.16
<u>Self Insurance Trust Funds</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	40,664.12
Expenditures:	
Claims paid	(10,000.00)
Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00
Investment income	<u>1,665.52</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	42,329.64
<u>Special Conservation Trust Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	23,824.57
Investment income	<u>951.39</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	24,775.96
<u>80 Acres Conservation Trust Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	8,437.85
Investment income	<u>337.18</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	8,775.03

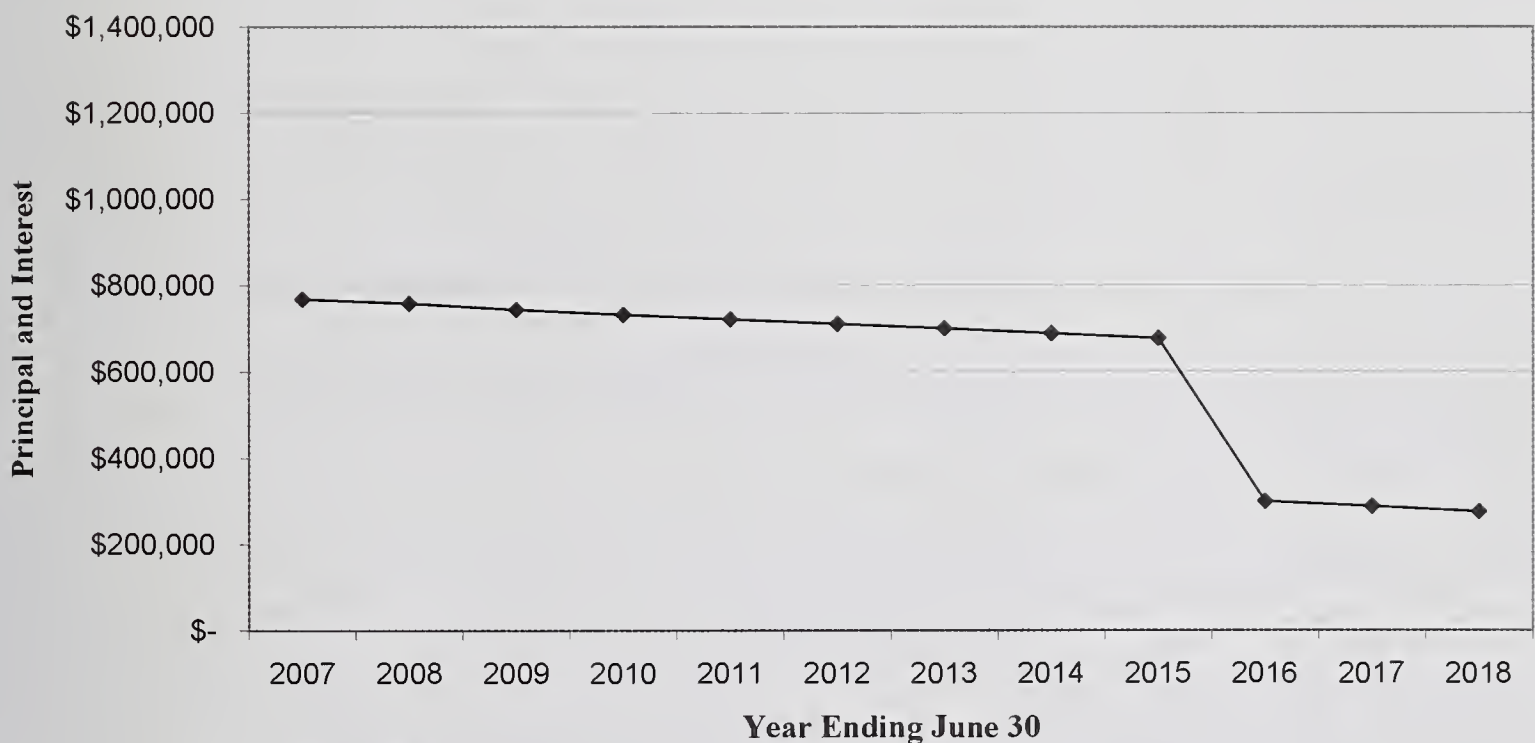
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	
JUNE 30, 2006	
<u>Use Change Tax Conservation Trust Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	616,039.37
Land use change tax	518,805.18
Investment income	<u>33,103.01</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	1,167,947.56
<u>Grand Total</u>	
Balance - 07/01/05	8,979,394.73
Expenditures	(2,745,931.52)
Land use change tax	518,805.18
Transfer to General Fund	(178.99)
Transfers from General Fund	1,599,000.00
Transfers from Sewer Fund	5,650,000.00
Investment income	<u>252,590.65</u>
Balance - 06/30/06	14,253,680.05

LONG-TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT SCHEDULES				
\$4,725,549.33 1996 Organic Waste Composting Facility Bond				
4.632% Interest				
Year Ending	Principal	Interest		
<u>June 30</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>Total</u>	
2007	244,464.84	122,984.22	367,449.06	
2008	255,788.45	111,660.61	367,449.06	
2009	267,636.57	99,812.49	367,449.06	
2010	280,033.50	87,415.56	367,449.06	
2011	293,004.65	74,444.41	367,449.06	
2012	306,576.63	60,872.43	367,449.06	
2013	320,777.26	46,671.80	367,449.06	
2014	335,635.66	31,813.40	367,449.06	
2015	<u>351,182.17</u>	<u>16,266.76</u>	<u>367,448.93</u>	
	<u>2,655,099.73</u>	<u>651,941.68</u>	<u>3,307,041.41</u>	
\$4,075,000 2002 Greens Pond Land Acquisition Bonds				
4.08% Interest				
Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Interest	
<u>June 30</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>February 15</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	275,000.00	65,717.50	60,905.00	401,622.50
2008	275,000.00	60,905.00	56,092.50	391,997.50
2009	270,000.00	56,092.50	50,692.50	376,785.00
2010	270,000.00	50,692.50	45,292.50	365,985.00
2011	270,000.00	45,292.50	39,892.50	355,185.00
2012	270,000.00	39,892.50	34,492.50	344,385.00
2013	270,000.00	34,492.50	29,092.50	333,585.00
2014	270,000.00	29,092.50	23,557.50	322,650.00
2015	270,000.00	23,557.50	17,820.00	311,377.50
2016	270,000.00	17,820.00	12,015.00	299,835.00
2017	270,000.00	12,015.00	6,075.00	288,090.00
2018	<u>270,000.00</u>	<u>6,075.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>276,075.00</u>
	<u>3,250,000.00</u>	<u>441,645.00</u>	<u>375,927.50</u>	<u>4,067,572.50</u>

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE

Year Ending				
June 30		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007		519,464.84	249,606.72	769,071.56
2008		530,788.45	228,658.11	759,446.56
2009		537,636.57	206,597.49	744,234.06
2010		550,033.50	183,400.56	733,434.06
2011		563,004.65	159,629.41	722,634.06
2012		576,576.63	135,257.43	711,834.06
2013		590,777.26	110,256.80	701,034.06
2014		605,635.66	84,463.40	690,099.06
2015		621,182.17	57,644.26	678,826.43
2016		270,000.00	29,835.00	299,835.00
2017		270,000.00	18,090.00	288,090.00
2018		<u>270,000.00</u>	<u>6,075.00</u>	<u>276,075.00</u>
		<u>5,905,099.73</u>	<u>1,469,514.18</u>	<u>7,374,613.91</u>

Annual Debt Service



TAX RATE HISTORY

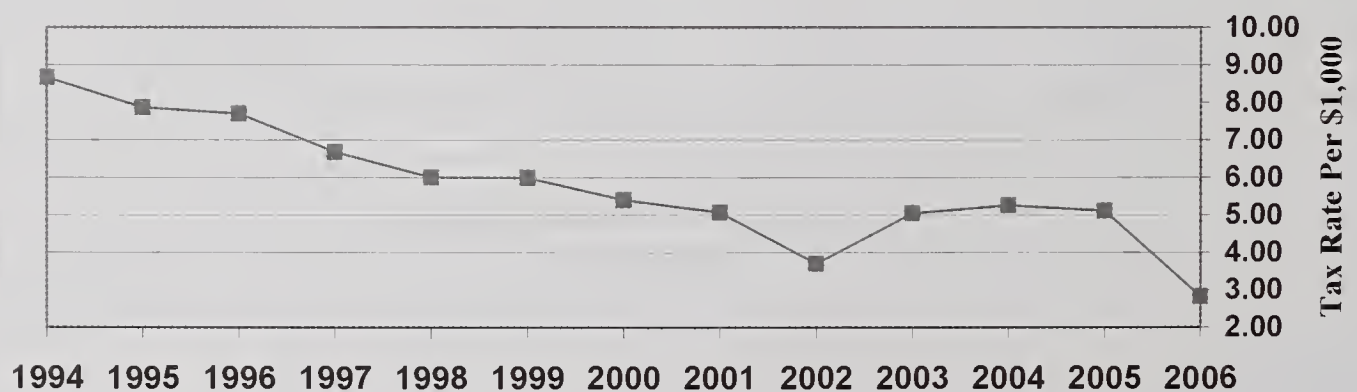
<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Equalized</u>
2006B	11.31	2.82	1.00	2.33	17.46	97.5%	17.02
2005	13.80	5.11	1.23	2.93	23.07	81.2%	18.73
2004	12.80	5.26	1.18	3.12	22.36	88.0%	19.68
2003B	9.77	5.04	1.21	4.22	20.24	95.1%	19.25
2002B	8.94	3.70	1.38	4.49	18.51	95.6%	17.70
2001B	9.00	5.07	1.56	5.67	21.30	88%	18.74
2000 B	8.67	5.40	1.79	5.59	21.45	94%	20.16
1999 A	8.99	5.99	2.12	7.48	24.58	76%	18.68
1998	22.82	6.00	2.14	-	30.96	87%	26.94
1997	22.19	6.68	2.20	-	31.07	92%	28.58
1996	22.09	7.70	2.37	-	32.16	96%	30.87
1995 B	21.44	7.87	2.50	-	31.81	97%	30.86
1994	19.83	8.67	2.39	-	30.89	95%	29.35
1993 C	18.98	7.44	2.39	-	28.81	94%	27.08
1992	12.61	4.22	1.61	-	18.44	134%	24.71
1991	12.71	4.14	1.59	-	18.44	123%	22.68
1990	11.24	4.15	1.54	-	16.93	105%	17.78
1989 B	11.46	4.16	1.37	-	16.99	100%	16.99
1988	27.63	8.61	2.39	-	38.63	42%	16.22
1987	23.77	7.42	2.99	-	34.18	43%	14.70
1986	22.92	6.59	2.14	-	31.65	47%	14.88
1985	22.19	5.61	2.05	-	29.85	58%	17.31
1984	21.83	5.35	1.97	-	29.15	69%	20.11
1983	21.10	6.39	1.99	-	29.48	73%	21.52
1982	19.90	6.70	1.60	-	28.20	77%	21.71
1981	20.90	6.70	1.40	-	29.00	81%	23.49
1980	19.00	6.20	1.30	-	26.50	87%	23.06

A - Reflects new state school tax and education adequacy grants

B - Reflects property revaluation

C - Reflects general 30% valuation reduction

Municipal Property Tax Rate



NET ASSESSED VALUATION HISTORY			
Year	Net Assessed Valuation	Ratio	Estimated 100% Valuation
2006	3,183,586,101	97.5%	3,265,216,514
2005	2,597,832,640	81.2%	3,199,301,281
2004	2,564,980,115	88.0%	2,914,750,131
2003 B	2,518,345,722	95.1%	2,648,102,757
2002 B	2,277,836,112	95.6%	2,382,673,757
2001 B	1,899,727,513	88%	2,158,781,265
2000 B	1,643,048,010	94%	1,747,923,415
1999	1,231,725,151	76%	1,620,690,988
1998	1,191,204,781	87%	1,369,200,898
1997	1,148,689,607	92%	1,248,575,660
1996	1,094,869,695	96%	1,140,489,266
1995 B	1,071,829,370	97%	1,104,978,732
1994	1,116,283,912	95%	1,175,035,697
1993 A	1,140,969,487	94%	1,213,797,327
1992	1,634,805,805	134%	1,220,004,332
1991	1,631,537,851	123%	1,326,453,537
1990	1,623,054,803	105%	1,545,766,479
1989 B	1,609,532,654	100%	1,609,532,654
1988	628,790,284	42%	1,497,119,724
1987	590,884,826	43%	1,374,150,758
1986	536,460,879	47%	1,141,406,126
1985	476,434,301	58%	821,438,450
1984	433,028,396	69%	627,577,386
1983	403,180,435	73%	552,301,966
1982	388,767,938	77%	504,893,426
1981	363,434,663	81%	448,684,769
1980	359,864,537	87%	413,637,399
A - Reflects general 30% valuation reduction			
B - Reflects property revaluation			

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES, AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 2006

<u>Appropriations</u>	
Election and voter registration	43,843
Property revaluation	311,001
Community development	988,942
General government building maintenance	350,090
Other general government	2,003,657
Police	4,517,719
Fire and ambulance	4,301,809
Emergency management	9,608
Other public safety	644,954
Public works administration	402,949
Highways and streets	2,094,456
Other highways and streets	427,276
Solid waste disposal	1,435,972
Sewage collection and disposal	3,228,904
Health agencies	86,345
Welfare administration and direct assistance	91,689
Parks and recreation	1,212,321
Library	1,264,168
Patriotic purposes	37,500
Other culture and recreation	162,159
Principal - long-term bonds and lease obligations	519,465
Interest - long-term bonds and lease obligations	249,607
Interest - tax anticipation notes	1
Land	1
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	86,462
Buildings	13,006
Improvements other than buildings	184,000
Transfer to capital reserve funds	857,647
Transfer to other expendable trust funds	23,300
Total appropriations	25,548,851

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES, AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 2006

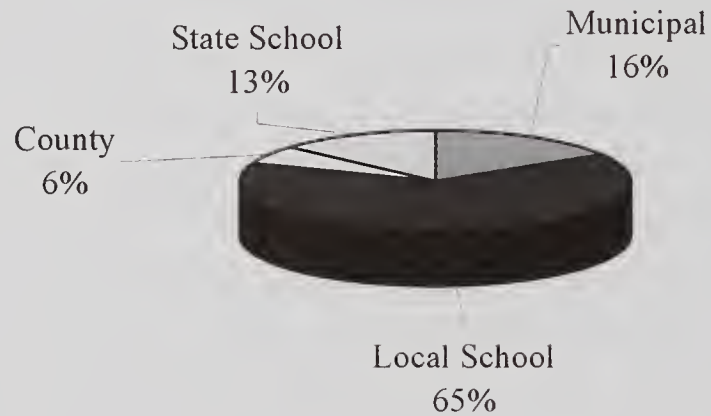
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
Timber yield taxes	22,000
Cable television franchise tax	305,000
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	216,025
Excavation Tax	600
Motor vehicle permit fees	4,300,000
Building permits	150,000
Other licenses and permits	202,242
State shared revenue	142,500
State meals and rooms tax distribution	957,093
State highway block grant	485,613
State & Forest land reimbursement	333
State water pollution grants	72,452
Other state aid	322,049
Charges for services	5,547,743
Sale of municipal property	22,500
Interest on deposits and investments	734,500
Payments in lieu of taxes	5,844
Trust funds	2,000
From Capital Reserve Funds	2,735,151
General Fund fund balance	1,005,408
Other sources	272,030
Total estimated revenues	17,501,083
<u>Property Tax Assessed</u>	
Total appropriations	25,548,851
Total estimated revenues	17,501,083
Net municipal appropriations	8,047,768
Tax overlay	531,281
War service tax credits	418,650
Net municipal assessment	8,997,699
Net local school assessment	36,006,556
Net county assessment	3,176,082
State education assessment	7,340,411
Total municipal, local school, and county assessments	55,520,748

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES, AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 2006

		Assessed Valuation	
<u>Tax Rate Computation</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>(\$1,000's)</u>	<u>Tax Rate*</u>
Municipal	8,997,699	3,183,586.101	2.82
Local School	36,006,556	3,183,586.101	11.31
County	3,176,082	3,183,586.101	1.00
State School	7,340,411	3,155,832.701	2.33
Total	55,520,748		17.46

* Tax rate = assessment divided by property valuation

2006 Property Tax Rate



2006 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

		<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	
Land:	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Taxable</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current use	3,204.25	464,451	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.07	100	
Residential	8,263.99	1,101,808,160	
Commercial/industrial	2,453.26	193,047,360	
Total taxable land	13,921.57	1,295,320,071	1,295,320,071
Tax exempt and non taxable	4,136.07		81,231,000
Buildings:			
Residential		1,468,729,850	
Manufactured housing		11,329,000	
Commercial/industrial		413,899,180	
Discretionary Preservation Easement		5,300	
Total of taxable buildings		1,893,963,330	1,893,963,330
Tax exempt and non taxable			152,027,400
Public utilities:			
Water		2,593,000	
Gas		7,050,200	
Electric		18,110,200	
Total public utilities		27,753,400	27,753,400
Total valuation before exemptions		3,217,036,801	3,450,295,201
Exemptions:	<u>Number</u>		
Blind	16	240,000	
Elderly	320	29,821,300	
Disabled - veterans	2	730,100	
Disabled - other	35	2,614,800	
Handicapped	4	44,500	
Total exemptions	377	33,450,700	
Net valuation on which municipal, county, and local school tax rates are computed		3,183,586,101	
Less public utilities		27,753,400	
Net valuation on which state school tax rate is computed		3,155,832,701	

Tax Collector's Report - Merrimack, NH
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Uncollected Taxes				Levies	
Beginning of Fiscal Year:		2006	2005	2004	
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 5,464,893.33	\$ 1,343.04	
Residential Sewer	#3189		\$ 70,690.42		
Hydrant	#3189		\$ 4,334.00		
Current Use	#3120			\$ 118,871.54	
Yield Tax	#3185			\$ 4,580.00	
Commercial Sewer	#3189		\$ 28,393.18	\$ 11,708.01	
In Lieu of Taxes	#3110				
Excavation Tax	#3187				
Taxes Committed to Collector					
During Fiscal Year:					
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 30,157,145.00	\$ 30,554,013.00		
Residential Sewer	#3189	\$ 433,223.00	\$ 427,376.00		
Hydrant	#3189	\$ 24,117.00	\$ 27,181.00		
Current Use	#3120		\$ 507,500.00		
Yield Tax	#3185		\$ 29,380.00		
Commercial Sewer	#3189	\$ 31,695.52	\$ 267,084.33		
In Lieu of Taxes	#3110	\$ 2,922.00	\$ 3,012.00		
Excavation Tax	#3187		\$ 485.00		
Overpayments:					
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 1,252.70	\$ 132,202.07		
Residential Sewer	#3189	\$ 28.00	\$ 1,410.45		
Hydrant	#3189				
Current Use	#3120		\$ 82.27	\$ 24.93	
Yield Tax	#3185				
Commercial Sewer	#3189		\$ 168.95	\$ 324.95	
Excavation Tax	#3187				
Prepayments	#3110				
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes:					
	#3190	\$ 1.02	\$ 122,351.61	\$ 6,372.59	
Penalties Collected on Delinquent Taxes:					
	#3190		\$ 8,546.39	\$ 783.34	
Prepayments	#3110	\$ 27,397.95	\$ 9,153.00		
Other Credits - Deed Reverse					
Discrepancy				\$ 54.66	
Total Debits		\$ 30,677,782.19	\$ 37,658,257.00	\$ 144,063.06	

Tax Collector's Report - Merrimack, NH
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Remitted to Treasurer	2006	2005	2004
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 23,909,159.68	\$ 35,652,044.38	
Residential Sewer	\$ 360,922.26	\$ 491,922.59	
Hydrant	\$ 19,140.00	\$ 31,302.00	
Current Use		\$ 380,441.18	\$ 107,942.91
Yield Tax		\$ 24,816.00	\$ 2,967.00
Commercial Sewer	\$ 11,496.18	\$ 267,304.55	\$ 9,328.26
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,922.00	\$ 3,012.00	
Excavation			
Excavation Activity		\$ 485.00	
Interest	\$ 1.02	\$ 86,690.84	\$ 4,875.75
Costs/Penalties		\$ 1,328.14	\$ 350.92
Abatelements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,524.00	\$ 14,867.00	
Residential Sewer		\$ 265.00	
Hydrant			
Current Use		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 341.56
Yield Tax		\$ 3,809.00	
Commercial Sewer		\$ 6,850.80	
In Lieu of Taxes			
Excavation			
Excavation Activity			
Tax Liens Executed During Year:		\$ 538,418.32	\$ 17,999.88
Deeds to Town During Year:			
Uncollected Taxes			
End of Fiscal Year	#1080		
Property Taxes	\$ 6,274,111.97	\$ 5,138.00	
Residential Sewer	\$ 72,328.74	\$ 175.00	
Hydrant	\$ 4,977.00		
Current Use		\$ 119,641.09	
Yield Tax		\$ 755.00	
Commercial Sewer	\$ 20,199.34	\$ 21,491.11	\$ 256.78
In Lieu of Taxes			
Excavation			
Excavation Activity			
Total Credits	\$ 30,677,782.19	\$ 37,658,257.00	\$ 144,063.06

Tax Collector's Report - Merrimack, NH
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	2005	2004	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$ 364,365.92	\$ 178,565.04
Tax Liens Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year	\$ 538,418.32	\$ 17,999.88	
Deed Reversal			
Interest Collected After Lien Execution	\$ 346.22	\$ 22,388.07	\$ 39,329.64
Collected Redemption Costs	\$ 130.50	\$ 2,694.87	\$ 2,077.00
Overpayments		\$ 837.33	
Total Debits:	\$ 538,895.04	\$ 408,286.07	\$ 219,971.68
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Redemptions	\$ 32,815.74	\$ 243,705.73	\$ 116,203.17
Interest and Costs	\$ 476.72	\$ 25,082.94	\$ 41,406.64
Abatelements Allowed:		\$ 6,260.50	
Deeded to Town During Year			
(Taxes, Interest, & Costs)			
Unredeemed Taxes End of Fiscal Year #1110	\$ 505,602.58	\$ 133,236.90	\$ 62,361.87
Total Credits:	\$ 538,895.04	\$ 408,286.07	\$ 219,971.68

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Trippett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

Year Ending June 30, 2006

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett

Town Agent Fee	\$ 67,159.00
Auto Registration Fees	\$4,293,907.42
Bad Check Fees	\$ 2,455.94
Boat Town	\$ 20,046.27
Boat Agent Fees	\$ 727.50
Certified Copies 1st - State	\$ 2,803.00
Certified Copies 1st - Town	\$ 2,393.00
Certified Copies - Sub. State	\$ 3,995.00
Certified Copies - Sub. Town	\$ 1,365.00
Civil Forfeiture	\$ 9,000.00
State Dog License Fees	\$ 9,535.00
Town Dog License Fees	\$ 21,937.00
State Marriage License Fees	\$ 4,294.00
Town Marriage License Fees	\$ 836.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,033.26
Mail-in Program Fee	\$ 30,972.00
Cash Over	\$ 50.69
Parking Fines	\$ 230.00
Cash Short	\$ (15.50)
Title Application Fees	\$ 12,001.00
UCC Filing	\$ 2,680.00
UCC Search and Copy	\$ 42.00
UCC Terminations and Changes	\$ -

Total Collected **\$4,491,447.58**

Total Remitted to Treasurer **\$4,491,447.58**

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Trippett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

POOLED CASH ACCOUNT

Balance - July 1, 2005	37,438,009.12
Receipts:	
General Government	41,943.14
Fire Protection Area	50,459.49
Cable Television	321,525.05
Assessing	4,788.60
Fire and Ambulance	543,498.60
Police	504,625.32
Highway	1,587.13
Public Works Administration	338.00
Solid Waste Disposal	297,474.41
Wastewater Treatment	3,902,608.78
Parks and Recreation	187,541.65
Community Development	244,006.05
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	65,107,894.41
Welfare	30,582.65
Interest on pooled deposits and investments	1,160,050.81
Bond proceeds	19,313.52
Federal and state aid	2,167,249.12
Private grants	56,909.89
Trust fund reimbursements	1,045,552.42
Other expense reimbursements	<u>829,048.25</u>
Total receipts	<u>76,516,997.29</u>
Total cash available	113,955,006.41
Less selectmen's orders paid	<u>80,140,304.49</u>
Balance - June 30, 2006	33,814,701.92

The cash in each fund is pooled for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled deposits and investments is allocated to each fund on the basis of its relative average monthly equity in the pooled account. Fund equities in pooled cash at June 30, 2006, and interest earned by each fund during the year then ended are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Equity</u>
General Fund	861,225.96	30,235,365.23
Sewer	255,119.20	1,835,464.00
Cable Television	21,121.60	604,558.30
Fire Protection Area	1,488.06	39,777.19
Conservation-Special	951.39	24,775.96
Conservation-80 Acres	337.18	8,775.03
Conservation - Land Use Change Tax	33,103.01	1,048,306.00
Heritage	<u>569.75</u>	<u>17,680.21</u>
Total	1,173,916.15	33,814,701.92

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2006

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL					BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME	
				NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR							
	TOWN CREATED CAPITAL RESERVE	FUNDS													
1973	AMBULANCE	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP	\$136,597.36	\$0.00	\$47,733.15	\$88,864.21	\$11,303.50		\$5,164.35	\$16,467.85	\$0.00	\$88,864.21		\$88,864.21
1973	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP	\$689,642.16	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$389,642.16	\$16,266.61		\$15,889.40	\$31,140.52	\$1,015.49	\$390,657.65		\$390,657.65
1971	LANDFILL OPERATIONS	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP	\$20,170.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,170.22	\$0.00		\$178.99	\$20,349.21	(\$20,170.22)	\$0.00		\$0.00
1973	FIRE EQUIPMENT	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP	\$684,961.38	\$0.00	\$140,118.31	\$544,843.07	\$15,942.68		\$28,119.56	\$44,062.24	\$0.00	\$544,843.07		\$544,843.07
1978	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	REPLACEMENT	T -BILLS, NHPDIP	\$52,032.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,032.28	\$2,676.21		\$1,546.89	\$0.00	\$4,223.10	\$56,255.38		\$56,255.38
1987	REAPPRAISAL FUND	REAPPRAISAL	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$4,795.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,795.25	\$1,098.06		\$181.29	\$0.00	\$1,279.35	\$6,074.60		\$6,074.60
1987	LIABILITY INSURANCE	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$17,672.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,672.75	\$309.05		\$637.11	\$0.00	\$946.16	\$18,618.91		\$18,618.91
1987	PROPERTY DAMAGE INS.	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$47,632.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,632.77	\$2,558.39		\$11,330.48	\$0.00	\$3,888.87	\$51,521.64		\$51,521.64
1990	LAND BANK	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$417,269.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$417,269.26	\$17,840.87		\$11,156.54	\$0.00	\$28,997.41	\$446,266.67		\$446,266.67
1992	SCHOOL PAVEMENT RECONST	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$203,837.57	\$0.00	\$189,158.40	\$14,679.17	\$4,262.64		\$6,578.96	\$10,841.60	\$0.00	\$14,679.17		\$14,679.17
1992	SCHOOL ROOF RECONSTRUCTION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$242,364.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242,364.37	\$10,342.61		\$8,499.08	\$0.00	\$18,841.69	\$261,206.06		\$261,206.06
1994	SEWER EXTENSION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$803,320.16	\$0.00	\$107,463.48	\$695,856.68	\$11,534.56		\$23,674.21	\$35,208.77	\$0.00	\$695,856.68		\$695,856.68
1994	SIDEWALK & BIKE PATHS	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$164,280.82	\$32,623.98	\$0.00	\$196,904.80	\$2,402.30		\$5,086.58	\$0.00	\$7,488.88	\$204,393.68		\$204,393.68
1994	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$450,603.60	\$28,913.66	\$0.00	\$479,517.26	\$2,017.73		\$17,224.11	\$13,000.00	\$6,241.84	\$485,759.10		\$485,759.10
1994	LIBRARY ROOF	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$17,373.48	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,373.48	\$1,872.84		\$607.11	\$0.00	\$2,479.95	\$21,853.43		\$21,853.43
1995	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$2,434,768.88	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,559,768.88	\$104,537.53		\$73,744.91	\$2,900.00	\$175,382.44	\$2,735,151.32		\$2,735,151.32
1995	SCHOOL BLD. CONSTRUCTION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$8,754.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,754.39	\$2,602.31		\$316.10	\$0.00	\$2,918.41	\$11,672.80		\$11,672.80
1997	MUNICIPAL SEWER FOR	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER												
	THORNTONS FERRY SCHOOL	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$238,280.00	\$0.00	\$227,871.50	\$10,408.50	\$16,920.81		\$5,207.69	\$22,128.50	\$0.00	\$10,408.50		\$10,408.50
1997	DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$330,564.63	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$410,564.63	\$4,946.95		\$12,150.08	\$0.00	\$17,097.03	\$427,661.66		\$427,661.66
1978	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$10,216.55	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,216.55	\$0.00		\$924.36	\$0.00	\$924.36	\$36,140.91		\$36,140.91
1999	WASTEWATER WATER SYSTEM	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$732,916.86	\$4,341,682.60	\$0.00	\$5,074,599.46	\$16,134.55		\$22,253.34	\$0.00	\$38,387.89	\$5,112,987.35		\$5,112,987.35
1999	MERRIMACK H.S. SCHLORSHIP FD	FUND	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$11,992.80	\$1,400.00	\$5,991.43	\$7,401.37	\$219.88		\$372.54	\$0.00	\$592.42	\$7,993.79		\$7,993.79
2000	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$64,175.53	\$16,639.20	\$0.00	\$80,814.73	\$1,510.92		\$2,406.48	\$0.00	\$3,917.40	\$84,732.13		\$84,732.13
2000	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$52,401.58	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$62,401.58	\$878.03		\$1,138.29	\$0.00	\$2,016.32	\$64,417.90		\$64,417.90
2001	SALT SHED	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$234,725.00	\$0.00	\$225,484.86	\$9,240.14	\$10,773.27		\$8,741.87	\$19,515.14	\$0.00	\$9,240.14		\$9,240.14
2001	S.MERRIMACK FIRE STATION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$138,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138,000.00	\$9,509.83		\$3,962.74	\$11,108.89	\$2,363.68	\$140,363.68		\$140,363.68
2001	ATHLETIC FIELDS	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$99,182.54	\$75,000.00	\$14,965.73	\$159,216.81	\$582.35		\$3,451.92	\$4,034.27	\$0.00	\$159,216.81		\$159,216.81
2001	D.W. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$432,347.21	\$109,600.00	\$0.00	\$541,947.21	\$5,016.74		\$13,704.00	\$0.00	\$18,720.74	\$560,667.95		\$560,667.95
2001	SPECIAL EDUCATION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$525,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,000.00	\$22,423.26		\$14,768.29	\$0.00	\$37,191.55	\$562,191.55		\$562,191.55
2002	ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$858,119.14	\$256,255.00	\$0.00	\$1,114,374.14	\$12,729.19		\$31,797.10	\$0.00	\$44,526.29	\$1,158,900.43		\$1,158,900.43
2002	N.W. FIRE STATION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$85,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$4,804.01		\$3,117.75	\$0.00	\$7,921.76	\$122,921.76		\$122,921.76
2003	REMEDIAL READING & MATH FUND	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$1,564.08		\$1,949.23	\$0.00	\$3,513.31	\$78,513.31		\$78,513.31
2003	EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SIGNAL	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$17,244.75	\$12,000.00	\$10,894.76	\$18,349.99	\$509.65		\$595.59	\$1,105.24	\$0.00	\$18,349.99		\$18,349.99
2004	MASTRICOLA RENOVATION FUND	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	\$2,211.38		\$10,382.78	\$0.00	\$12,594.16	\$412,594.16		\$412,594.16
2004	SCHOOL DISTRICT REPAIR FUND	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$500.76		\$1,348.67	\$0.00	\$1,849.43	\$51,849.43		\$51,849.43
2005	G.M. GREENLEAF SCHOLARSHIP	FUND	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$12,059.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,059.46	\$43.08		\$593.96	\$0.00	\$637.04	\$12,696.50		\$12,696.50
2005	WD LAND AQUISITION	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$319,403.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$419,403.00	\$459.98		\$11,659.29	\$0.00	\$12,119.27	\$431,522.27		\$431,522.27
2005	WD EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES	RESERVE	NHPDIP & BROKER	\$188,988.00	\$560,000.00	\$13,016.67	\$735,971.33	\$370.34		\$11,612.99	\$11,983.33	\$0.00	\$735,971.33		\$735,971.33
2006	T. GIBSON MEMORIAL FUND	FUND	BROKER	\$0.00	\$65,035.86	\$0.00	\$65,035.86	\$0.00		\$1,483.83	\$0.00	\$1,483.83	\$66,519.69		\$66,519.69
2006	SOLID WASTE	RESERVE	NHPDIP	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00		\$884.16	\$0.00	\$884.16	\$25,884.16		\$25,884.16
TOTAL TOWN CREATED CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$11,071,693.75	\$6,096,150.30	\$1,282,698.29	\$15,885,145.76	\$319,676.95		\$364,442.62	\$243,845.56	\$440,274.01	\$16,325,419.77		\$16,325,419.77

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL					INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
					BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR					
1900	FUND A													
1917-26-54	PERPETUAL CARE PATTERSON, LAWRENCE & CARROLL	CEMETERIES	VARIOUS	48.05211%	\$132,753.57				\$132,753.57		\$18,478.57	\$5,521.27	\$212,519.36	\$345,272.93
1854/1921	GAGE & LAWRENCE	LIBRARY	VARIOUS	3.11676%	\$8,565.98				\$8,565.98		\$1,192.34	\$970.48	\$2,921.17	\$11,487.15
1951	GEORGE CARROLL	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	34.05684%	\$93,600.76				\$93,600.76		\$13,028.72	\$10,604.47	\$31,689.40	\$125,290.16
1925	SHEDD HARRIS	FIRE DEPT.	VARIOUS	14.75041%	\$40,539.52				\$40,539.52		\$5,642.88	\$0.00	\$47,204.00	\$87,743.52
	FUND A TOTALS	FIRE DEPT.	VARIOUS	0.02388%	\$65.69				\$65.69		\$9.14	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$260.69
				100.00000%	\$275,525.55				\$275,525.55		\$38,351.65	\$17,096.22	\$294,528.93	\$570,054.48
					\$275,525.52				\$275,525.52					
1960	FUND B													
1964	PERPETUAL CARE	CEMETARY	VARIOUS	68.07397%	\$22,251.95				\$22,251.95		\$2,346.95	\$2,064.92	\$20,405.26	\$42,657.21
1960	LAWRENCE	LIBRARY	VARIOUS	29.00891%	\$9,482.43				\$9,482.43		\$1,000.12	\$858.59	\$2,952.69	\$12,435.12
	STOCKLEY	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	2.91712%	\$953.54				\$953.54		\$100.57	\$86.34	\$404.49	\$1,358.03
	FUND B TOTALS			100.00000%	\$32,687.96				\$32,687.96		\$3,288.60	\$3,400.40	\$23,324.65	\$56,012.61
1965	FUND C													
	HARRY WATKINS	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	100.00000%	\$331,920.34				\$331,920.34		\$28,811.44	\$43,415.86	\$80,097.98	\$412,018.32
	COMMON FUND TOTALS				\$640,133.85				\$640,133.85		\$70,451.69	\$63,912.48	\$397,951.56	\$1,038,085.41

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL				BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
					BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS						
	FUND D													
1945	HARRY WATKINS	PRIZE SPEAKING FUND		0.89927%	\$2,242.81				\$9,831.64		\$126.47	\$0.00	\$9,958.11	\$12,200.92
1945	HARRY WATKINS	PRIZE SPELLING FUND		0.47190%	\$1,176.94				\$5,146.99		\$66.37	\$316.44	\$4,896.92	\$6,073.86
1969	EVERETT PARKER	GENERAL MAINT. CEMETERY	VARIOUS	1.10321%	\$2,751.46				\$4,902.73		\$155.15	\$0.00	\$5,057.88	\$7,809.34
1970	GRIFFIN FENCE FUND	MAINTENANCE OF FENCE	VARIOUS	2.17791%	\$5,431.80				\$29,143.31		\$306.29	\$0.00	\$29,449.60	\$34,881.40
1970	REED CEMETERY	PERPETUAL CARE	VARIOUS	0.19864%	\$495.42				\$1,757.86		\$27.94	\$0.00	\$1,785.80	\$2,281.22
1950	GRIFFIN LOT CARE	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	20.14509%	\$50,242.75				\$129,947.48		\$2,833.12	\$29,050.10	\$103,730.50	\$153,973.25
1965	MASTRICOLA FUND	SCHOOL & TOWN	LAND		\$1,575.00				\$1,575.00					
1970	WATKINS TOWN FOREST	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	74.50145%	\$185,809.88				\$26,090.30		\$10,477.55	\$4,507.00	\$32,060.85	\$217,870.73
1925	WATKINS FOREST INCOME	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	0.50253%	\$1,253.33				\$11,178.28		\$70.67	\$0.00	\$11,248.95	\$12,502.28
1925	SHEDD HARRIS FUND	FIRE PREVENTION	VARIOUS		\$142,592.49		\$4,011.00		\$56,970.48		\$5,933.84	\$0.00	\$62,904.32	\$209,507.81
1925	SHEDD HARRIS FUND	FIRE PREVENTION	MUTUAL FUNDS	100.00000%	\$393,571.88		\$4,011.00		\$274,969.07		\$19,997.40	\$33,873.54	\$261,092.93	\$658,675.81
		TOTAL FUND D												

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# SHARES OR UNITS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	PRINCIPAL					INCOME		GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME		
		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR		EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR
FUND A											
	BANK OF AMERICA	\$5,796.24					\$5,796.24			\$79.03	
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL (NH-01-137-1)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00			\$111.38	
	AMERIPRISE - BROKERAGE	\$2,830.11	\$3,149.73				\$5,979.84			\$1,329.88	\$18,855.44
	24 AGERE SYSTEMS INC.	\$2,538.15			\$24.67		\$2,513.48			\$0.00	
	850 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	\$13,034.29			\$30.27		\$13,004.02			\$1,539.08	
	39 AVAYA INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00			\$0.00	
	792 BP AMOCO p.l.c.	\$14,626.68					\$14,626.68			\$1,739.24	
	1200 CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$9,525.69					\$9,525.69			\$600.00	
	1200 CHEVRON TEXACO	\$13,049.50					\$13,049.50	\$14,498.00	\$2,244.00		\$14,498.00
	202 COMCAST CORP.	\$1,539.27					\$1,539.27	\$3,823.57	\$0.00		\$3,823.57
	279 DELPHI AUTOMOTIVE	\$2,458.73					\$2,458.73		\$4.19		
	49 DIRECTTV GROUP INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00		\$0.00		
	1176.0273 DOMINION RESOURCES, INC	\$15,923.96					\$15,923.96	\$5,692.94	\$3,127.75		\$8,820.69
	1200 DUPONT deNEMOURS COMPANY	\$10,410.40					\$10,410.40		\$1,776.00		
	2000 DUKE ENERGY COMPANY	\$11,367.37					\$11,367.37		\$2,480.00		
	700 ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS CORP.	\$20,502.80					\$20,502.80		\$140.00		
	1448 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS L.P. (FORMALLY GULFTERRA)	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$29,752.00	\$2,508.66		\$29,752.00
	1200 GENERAL ELECTRIC CORP.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$47,112.00	\$1,128.00		\$47,112.00
	400 GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	\$12,372.53					\$12,372.53		\$600.00		
	1600 HERSHEY FOODS CORP.	\$14,775.69					\$14,775.69		\$1,568.00		
	10 NEWS CORP. LTD. ADRs	\$0.00					\$0.00		\$0.60		
	500 JOHNSON & JOHNSON CORP	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$29,245.00	\$682.50		\$29,245.00
	3440 KELLOGG COMPANY	\$11,726.88					\$11,726.88		\$3,818.40		
	900 LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	\$6,691.81					\$6,691.81		\$0.00		
	397 MIRANT CORP. ESKROW	\$0.00					\$0.00		\$0.00		
	10 MIRANT CORP. MIR	\$0.00					\$0.00		\$0.00		
	34 MIRANTCORP. MIRWSA	\$0.00					\$0.00		\$0.00		
	46 NCR CORPORATION	\$432.74					\$432.74		\$0.00		
	2000 PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS CO.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$28,982.45	\$1,860.00		\$28,982.45
	600 PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC. formally POTOMAC ELECTRIC	\$13,705.09					\$13,705.09		\$762.00		
	36 RAYTHEON COMPANY	\$0.00					\$0.00		\$32.40		
	946 RELIANT ENERGY INC.	\$1,773.51					\$1,773.51		\$0.00		
	270 SCOTTISH POWER PLC	\$5,900.75			\$3,094.79		\$2,805.96		\$755.54		
	1400 SOUTHERN CO.	\$25,150.58					\$25,150.58	\$11,596.00	\$2,107.00		\$11,596.00
	2200 VERIZON	\$31,199.25					\$31,199.25		\$3,564.00		
	500 WAL MART STORES INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$28,482.45	\$317.50		\$28,482.45
	562 WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY	\$12,707.28					\$12,707.28		\$1,124.00		
	2400 WYETH CORP.	\$15,486.22					\$15,486.22		\$2,352.50		
	TOTALS FUND A	\$275,525.52	\$3,119.49	\$0.00	\$3,149.73	\$0.00	\$275,525.52	\$273,283.50	\$38,351.65	\$17,096.22	\$294,538.93
	NOTES/COMMENTS:										\$570,064.45

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	FUND B											
	BANK OF AMERICA	\$256.71					\$256.71		\$12.46			
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-137-2	\$5,119.02					\$5,119.02		\$57.67			
	AMERIPRISE	\$4,896.00					\$4,896.00		\$111.22			
	500 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY	\$8,409.22					\$8,409.22		\$730.00			
	196 TD BANKNORTH GROUP CORP.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$5,488.00	\$172.48		\$9,363.68	
	94 TORONTO DOMINION BANK	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$3,875.68	115.51			
	300 ENERGY EAST CORP.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$5,527.95	\$343.50		\$5,527.95	
	2080 TECO ENERGY INC.	\$14,007.01					\$14,007.01		\$1,580.80			
	200 VERIZON CORP.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$9,503.65	\$324.00		\$9,503.65	
	FUND B TOTAL	\$32,687.96					\$32,687.96	\$23,324.65	\$3,447.64	\$3,009.85	\$23,762.44	\$56,450.40

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		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	OF PRINCIPAL	& INCOME
	BANK OF AMERICA	\$0.00	\$20.80				\$20.80				\$94.56				
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-137-3	\$1,509.21	\$11,355.34				\$12,864.55				\$69.96				
	AMERIPRISE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$10.69				\$10.69				\$472.16				
	282 ACCO BRANDS CORP. (SPINOFF OF FORTUNE BRANDS)	\$0.00					\$0.00				\$0.00				
	2000 AES CORP.	\$32,982.57					\$32,982.57				\$0.00				
	1000 ALLEGHANEY POWER SYSTEM, INC.	\$11,477.28					\$11,477.28				\$0.00				
	507 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	\$7,748.92			\$20.80		\$7,728.12				\$741.09				
	1096 AT&T (NEW MERGED WITH SBC COMMUNICATIONS)	\$1,371.85	\$14,782.55		\$10.69		\$16,143.71				\$830.45				
	3000 BELL SOUTH	\$15,838.50					\$15,838.50				\$3,480.00				
	92 COMCAST INC.	\$2,291.49					\$2,291.49				\$0.00				
	1125 KEYSpan ENERGY	\$9,463.70					\$9,463.70				\$2,070.02				
	460 CH ENERGY GROUP INC.	\$10,295.59					\$10,295.59				\$993.60				
	1200 FORTUNE BRANDS	\$9,743.67					\$9,743.67				\$1,728.00				
	149 FREESCALE SEMICONDUCTOR B	\$0.00					\$0.00				\$0.00				
	1200 GALLAHER GROUP Plc	\$5,678.41					\$5,678.41				\$2,936.92				
	6000 GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$9,681.65					\$9,681.65				\$5,640.00				
	800 GILLETTE CO.	\$29,944.95			\$29,944.95		\$0.00				\$130.00				
	861.472 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES COMPANY	\$14,547.28					\$14,547.28	\$9,610.27		\$10,380.21	\$769.94				
	1080 MAYTAG COMPANY	\$12,909.10			\$12,909.10		\$0.00				\$291.60				
	500 MBIA INC.	\$25,560.00					\$25,560.00				\$575.00				
	1350 MOTOROLA INC.	\$42,059.07					\$42,059.07				\$216.00				
	700 PFIZER INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$30,450.00		\$30,450.00	\$602.00				
	600 PEPCO HOLDINGS (formally POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER)	\$13,705.09					\$13,705.09				\$762.00				
	1147.879 PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY	\$27,101.88					\$27,101.88	\$8,975.18		\$10,298.63	\$1,323.45				
	780 PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY (MERGED WITH GILLETTE CO.)	\$0.00	\$29,944.95				\$29,944.95				\$678.60				
	900 PROGRESS ENERGY CORP.	\$10,661.15					\$10,661.15				\$2,151.00				
	1052 SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC. (MERGED WITH AT&T)	\$14,782.55			\$14,782.55		\$0.00				\$678.54				
	10 J. M. SMUCKER CO.	\$349.47					\$349.47				\$10.90				
	843.953 TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY	\$4,458.90					\$4,458.90	\$12,492.86		\$13,643.04	\$1,150.18				
	532 QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC.	\$7,060.78					\$7,060.78				\$0.00				
	129 WHIRLPOOL CORP.	\$0.00	\$1,553.76				\$1,553.76				\$55.47				
	400 WISCONSIN ENERGY CORPORATION	\$10,697.28					\$10,697.28				\$360.00				
	FUND C TOTAL	\$331,920.34				\$0.00	\$331,920.34	\$94,702.40	\$43,415.86	\$80,097.98	\$28,811.44			\$412,018.32	

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2006

# SHARES OR UNITS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	PRINCIPAL					INCOME		GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME	
		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR		
										BALANCE END YEAR
FUND D										
	BANK OF AMERICA	\$12,957.98	(\$12,957.98)				\$0.00	\$93.43		
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-137-4	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$225.30		
	AMERICAN EXPRESS BROKERAGE	\$128,871.94	(\$117,984.74)				\$10,887.20	\$252.81		\$0.00
	14 AGERE SYSTEMS	\$1,942.81					\$1,942.81	\$0.00		\$1,925.60
	1200 AQUA AMERICA INC.	\$0.00	\$27,059.00				\$27,059.00	\$495.31		
	1350 AQUILA INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00		\$25,390.02
	120 AT&T CORP.	\$5,043.39			\$13.28		\$5,030.11	\$274.84		
	43 AVAYA INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00		
	1200 BELL SOUTH CORP.	\$17,809.50					\$17,809.50	\$1,392.00		
	700 CITIGROUP INC.	\$0.00	\$27,130.00				\$27,130.00	\$852.00		
	800 COCA COLA CO.	\$18,625.11					\$18,625.11	\$920.00		
	500 COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO.	\$0.00	\$25,164.00				\$25,164.00	\$595.00		
	194 COMCAST INC.	\$8,439.24					\$8,439.24	\$0.00		
	1200 DISNEY WALT CO	\$17,156.32					\$17,156.32	\$324.00		
	500 FPL GROUP INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$730.00		
	500 HOME DEPOT INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$250.00		\$26,794.95
	30 IMATION CORP.	\$1,509.28					\$1,509.28	\$18.60		
	800 LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	\$10,180.62					\$10,180.62	\$0.00		
	600 MINNESOTA MINING MANUFACTURING CO.	\$15,092.83					\$15,092.83	\$1,056.00		
	25 NCR	\$869.82					\$869.82	\$0.00		
	500 PEPSICO INC.	\$0.00	\$26,504.00				\$26,504.00	\$540.00		
	700 SYSCO CORP.	\$0.00	\$25,099.00				\$25,099.00	\$448.00		
	1200 TECO ENERGY CORP.	\$4,661.56					\$4,661.56	\$912.00		
	462 CHEVRONTXACO INC.	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$1,727.88		\$33,644.95
	200 WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC.	\$6,244.00					\$6,244.00	\$396.00		
	SHEDD HARRIS FUND (MUTUAL FUND PORTION ONLY)	\$142,592.49		\$4,011.00			\$146,603.49	\$5,933.84	\$0.00	\$62,904.32
	WATKINS TOWN FOREST	\$1,575.00					\$1,575.00			
	INCOME-T-BILLS	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$2,560.39		\$1,575.00
	TOTAL FUND D	\$393,571.89	\$0.00	\$4,011.00	\$13.28	\$0.00	\$397,582.89	\$273,765.03	\$33,873.54	\$259,888.89
								\$19,997.40		\$657,471.78

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Assessing

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Administrative Assessor Tracy Doherty

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

424-3690

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Assistant Chief Dave Parenti

Community Development

424-3531

Director Walter Warren

Planning and Zoning Admin. Nancy Larson

Building and Health Official David Mark

Health Officer Cec Curran

Finance Department

424-7075

Finance Administrator Paul T. Micali

Assistant Administrator Jennifer Alicea

Fire Department

424-3690

Acting Fire Chief Richard A. Todd

Assistant Chief David Parenti

Human Resources

424-2331

Coordinator Sharon Beland

Library

424-5021

Director Janet D. Angus

Media Services

423-8561

Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee

Parks and Recreation

882-1046

Secretary Sherry Kalish

Police Department

424-3774

Chief William Mulligan

Deputy Chief Michael R. Milligan

Public Works – Administration

424-5137

Director Ed Chase

Deputy Director David Lent

Public Works – Buildings and Grounds

423-8559

Foreman Phil F. Meschino

Public Works – Equipment Maintenance

423-8552

Foreman Brian Friolet

Public Works – Highway

423-8551

Operations Manager Kyle Fox

Foreman Bruce Moreau

Foreman Jeff Strong

Public Works – Parks Maintenance

423-8551

Foreman Ernie Buck

Public Works – Transfer Station/Recycling

424-2064

Foreman Steven Doumas

Public Works – Wastewater Treatment Facility

883-8196

Assistant Director James Taylor

Technology

423-8557

Coordinator William C. Miller

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

424-3651

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Hall

Town Manager/Town Council's Office

424-2331

Town Manager Keith Hickey

Welfare

423-8535

Welfare Administrator Patricia Murphy

Adopt-A-Road/Adopt-A-Spot 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Highway Office Coordinator Bruce W. Moreau

I am pleased to provide this report of the volunteer Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Spot Programs. Adopt-A-Road allows persons, organizations, or businesses to 'adopt' all or parts of Town roads for the purpose of litter pick up. Adopt-A-Spot allows persons, organizations, or businesses to 'adopt' areas of Town-owned property for light maintenance and improvement. Sponsor plates recognizing the volunteers are posted at each of the adopted spots and areas of roadway. Adopt-A-Road sponsors are asked to perform their roadside litter clean-up every spring and fall. Many sponsors perform ongoing pickup during daily or weekend exercise walks. Adopt-A-Spot sponsors perform their work on a fairly ongoing basis.

At this time, all of our sponsors and their general area of adoption are:

American Legion Post (Baboosic Lake Road)
American Legion Post Auxillary (Hillside Terrace and Church Street)
Bailey's Towing & Autobody (Back River Road)
Bob Ferguson (Bedford Road)
Boy Scouts of America – Troop 15 (Naticook Road)
Boy Scouts of America – Troop 401 (Pearson Road)
Charlie McCaffery – Carlson/GMAC Real Estate (Wire Road)
College Mums (Baboosic Lake Road)
The Debelis Family (Meetinghouse Road)
The F. Thornton Family (Atherton Road)
Heron Cove Homeowners (Manchester Street)
Tony Holevas (Danforth Road Cul-de-sac)
Hickory Hollow Farm (County Road)
Knights of Columbus – Queen of Peace Council (Baboosic Lake Road)
Lenora's Personal Touch Training (Belmont Drive and Country Club Lane)
The Merrimack Conservation Commission (Lawrence Road)
Merrimack Crimeline (Daniel Webster Highway)
Merrimack High School FIRST Robotics (O'Gara Drive and McElwain Street)
Reagh Greenleaf, Sr. (Camp Sargent Road)
Transupport, Inc. (Wright Ave)
Nancy Pease (Peaslee Road)
The Whitney Family (Trowbridge Road)

For past participants of the program we offer them and all of our continuing participants a very big THANK YOU!

The Adopt program has been very successful, but we do have more 'orphans' that need 'parents'. As the spring thaw comes around, I will be recertifying current sponsors as well as generating an available street list for new interests. For further information and applications, persons, businesses, or groups may contact me at (603) 423-8551.

Assessing Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Assessor Brett S. Purvis

The department of assessment had a very productive year in 2006. We went through an assessment update to bring our assessments in line with the market for April 1, 2006, as required under State Statute RSA 75:8-a. We had not conducted an update since April 1, 2003, making it three years between the past update and the current update. It is the Assessors responsibility to estimate value based on what the buyers and sellers in the marketplace are buying and selling homes for. The assessing department has no control over the tax rate. The Assessors are responsible for accurate and proportionate assessments, so, when the tax rate is levied, each homeowner pays his/her fair share.

Our field assessors, Michael Rotast and Danielle Irish, are responsible for measuring and listing new properties and checking permits and reviewing additions. If they find no one at home, a door hanger will be left to call for an appointment.

Our parcel count for the Town has increased to 10,597 and the average assessment for a single-family home for 2006 was \$307,000. We had 1,226 veteran tax credits and 320 elderly exemptions credited to the tax rolls this year and we have 3,204 acres in the current use program.

This year, the Assessing Department said goodbye to Anne L. Whitney who served the Town for 31 years. Anne came to work for the Assessor's Office in September, 1975, where she was very active in the State assessing organization and was professionally recognized for those contributions. The Town of Merrimack benefited from her knowledge, dedication, and patience. We will all remember her smiling face and the sense of calm that she brought to Town Hall every day. We appreciate her tremendous contribution and wish her a well in her retirement.

With all the new technology and professional staff, we are able to keep the new programs and assessment base accurate and maintain proportionality. Again, we express our thanks to the many taxpayers, appraisers, and real estate agents in the community, who worked with the staff to make 2006 another successful year.

Assessing Department Staff

Assessor Brett S. Purvis, Administrative Assessor (Retired) Anne L. Whitney,
Administrative Assessor Tracy Doherty, Field Assessor Michael N. Rotast,
Field Assessor Danielle Irish

Building/Code Enforcement Division 2006 Annual Report

Submitted Building/Health Official David Mark

During the calendar year 2006, the Building Department issued 755 permits and collected \$126,207 in permit fees. The total value of the improvements permitted was \$52.5 million.

Of the total, 39 permits were commercial or industrial work valued at \$22.5 million. The majority of the residential permits were additions (96) or other unspecified permits (electrical or plumbing work not associated with a building permit). Our department conducted over 1,600 inspections as well as reviewing applications, answering questions, investigating complaints and prosecuting violations.

Thanks to Evelyn, Carol, and Becky for their efforts and assistance in our day-to-day operations and Building Secretary Carol Miner, for the detailed research and information compiled for this report.

Cable TV Advisory Committee 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Brian McCarthy

This year, the Cable TV Advisory Committee saw the completion of the Transfer Agreement to Comcast at the beginning of the year and by the year's end, the actual transition from Adelphia to Comcast for Merrimack residents.

In April, Verizon presented the Town with a proposed Franchise Agreement to prepare the way for them to provide FTTP (Fiber to the premises) and video services over that fiber. After an initial meeting with the group, Verizon stopped all negotiations with the Town after that meeting.

The Committee will be moving forward with the renewal process of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast. For all but one committee member, this is a new process.

Cable TV Advisory Committee Members

Chairman Brian McCarthy, Vice Chairman Joel Levine, Richard Morrissey, Pam Tinker,
Alternate Mike Bradley, and Town Council Representative Tom Mahon

Cable TV Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Media Services Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee

In 2006, Merrimack Public, Education, and Government Television experienced another tremendous growth in volunteerism and programming. The growth is due, in part, to the implementation of new procedures, a logical scheduling grid for broadcasts, and continuing a community outreach program aimed towards a wide variety of Merrimack residents and nonprofit groups. The three channels are branded simply as “Merrimack TV,” to make them more identifiable to residents. Marketing the three channels begins with staff and official volunteers becoming more visible within the community. In the past two years, Merrimack TV has moved from being *present* in Town, to establishing itself as a *presence* throughout the community. Many residents consider Merrimack TV to be a vital resource of information in addition to being a means of self expression through Cable Television.

Residents and Merrimack High School (MHS) students, who share the desire to expand the possibilities of Merrimack TV, are joined with staff to form “Merrimack’s Volunteer Video Production Crew.” The crew works with staff to produce visually appealing programs that document community events, live coverage of deliberative sessions, and, Merrimack’s election night. In 2006, the annual live broadcast was responsible for delivering important messages from election officials while entertaining the public with interviews before the preliminary results were read. The *Merrimack Journal* published a picture and caption of Merrimack residents who were awaiting results from Merrimack TV’s live broadcast.

Collectively, there were 465 programs that broadcast on the three channels, totaling a 55% increase in the amount of programming hours scheduled to broadcast compared to 2005. The Government Channel increased coverage of nearly every municipal Board and Committee meeting and upgraded the live broadcast of Town Council meetings to include microphones for each of the Council members and graphics to display agenda items. All meetings featured improved audio and video quality. The Education Channel increased programming including the submitted works of MHS videography students and parent volunteers. Town staff produced School District concerts, events, and most School Board meetings were produced with three camera coverage.

Several promotional videos were produced and broadcast to highlight Merrimack TV’s resources in visually compelling ways. “Have Ideas?” is a 60-second public service announcement that features the same actor having a conversation with two digitally “cloned” versions of him. The closing tagline asks “want more people listening?” then suggests “quit talking to yourself,” that you can “reach 24,000 residents on Merrimack TV.” Another promotional video, “Making Merrimack TV” was aimed towards teenagers who may want to become involved with Community TV. The 3-minute hip-hop video featured Nicholas Lavallee and MHS Teacher, Tray Sleeper, explaining the ease of submitting broadcasts to the Community Channel and how you can empower yourself to become the media. Both promotional videos were received with

praise from residents and professionals within the Alliance for Community Media. As marketing tools, the videos were essential to the increase in volunteerism at the Studio.

The Merrimack TV website (www.merrimack.tv) was updated three times a week to provide residents information about the channels and studio. This resource provides the public with schedules for all three channels with news about upcoming events and training sessions held at the Town's Public Access TV Studio located in Merrimack High School. Over 400 hours of studio and editing time were utilized by residents and equipment loans exceeded 100 reservations.

In March 2006, the *Merrimack Journal* featured a front-page article about Merrimack TV. The story, "Airing Their Frustrations," focused on Merrimack TV's role with community volunteers and the many possibilities that residents have with the resource, specifically having the ability to share your opinions using cable television. In May 2006, staff produced a documentation and informational program relative to the severe flooding that occurred in Merrimack. Material was recorded daily with Fire, Police, and Emergency personnel, and then edited for repeated broadcasts.

The Alliance for Community Media's Northeast Region awarded Merrimack TV with two first-place awards for excellent Municipal and Educational Television. The Town received an award for "State of Emergency: Flooding in Merrimack" in the News and Event Coverage category. MHS Videography's "Star Sports" received the award in the Dramatic category. These awards, given annually by the Alliance at their Northeast Hometown Video Festival, honor the best in Community Media programming from New York and New England. Close to 400 entries were submitted to the event from throughout the region. This was the Town's second time winning awards for the Merrimack TV channels. The awards are on display at the Public Access TV Studio.

In December, Merrimack TV and the Police Department held the third annual live TV auction. The three-hour broadcast raised several thousand dollars to benefit Merrimack's DARE program.

Merrimack TV strives to continue its growth in 2007 beginning with streaming municipal meetings on the internet at the Merrimack TV website. This is all made possible by you – the Merrimack resident, Town Cable TV staff, the Cable Advisory Committee, and, of course, the best volunteers in the industry.

Cable TV Department Staff and Volunteers

Cable TV Department Staff

Department Head/Media Services Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee,
Media Assistant Shannon Barreira, Media Assistant Tad Stephanak Jr.

Cable Advisory Committee

Chair Brian McCarthy, Vice Chair Richard Morrissey, Joel Levine, Mike Bradley, Pam Tinker,
Town Council Representative Tom Mahon

Town of Merrimack Volunteer Video Production Crew

Zack Gleason, Stephanie Greenland, Alex Harrison, John McGee, Chris Perez, Zack Shappani,
Shahanna Snyder, Tad Stephanak Sr., Ken Williams

Resident Volunteer Producers of Submitted Community Channel Programming 2006

Belinda Bridgeman, Steve Chaloner, Steve Dembo, Pat Heinrich, Pete Hinkle, Dennis King,
Bob L'Heureux, Dave Loverme, James Martin, Deborah Mathis, Brian McCarthy,
Dave McCray, Ron Moore, Derek Neider, Jeanine Nodder, Gene Ordway, Audra Paquette,
Tony Pellegrino, Lisa Pombrio, Dave Rogers, Bill Spinney, Andy Sylvia, Jennifer Thornton,
Jennifer Twardosky, Bob Wallace Jr., Ken Williams

Community Development Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Community Development Director Walter Warren

The Mission of the Community Development Department is: 1) to maximize Town revenue by ensuring that development is of a high quality and (taxable) value; 2) to guide the physical changes associated with “growth” considering the enjoyment and prosperity of current and future residents of the community; and, 3) to educate property owners, residents, investors, and visitors, about the Town’s history and future plans.

Merrimack continues to be a desirable location to live, work, play, and invest – as evidenced by the strong performance of building and development activity over the past year, and pending projects for the future. Merrimack’s location, accessibility, and quality of life, will continue to attract growing families and businesses, in the foreseeable future.

In the past year, the redevelopment of the Texas Instruments (Unitrode) site off of Continental Blvd. and Camp Sargent Road continued. The renovation of 75,000 sq. ft. of the existing office space is complete, and fully leased (welcome, Compuware!), and the demolition of the previous manufacturing facility has made way for 68,468 sq. ft. of retail space for a new Shaw’s Supermarket/multi-tenant retail space that opened this past Spring. Development of the surrounding “pad sites” continues, with two proposals – one for a new McDonald’s restaurant on the site of the vacant Taco Bell restaurant, and another for a +/-13,000 sq. ft. free-standing multi-tenant retail building.

On the Non-Residential side: several area businesses continued to invest in Town. Anheuser-Busch has made a significant investment in the construction of a new Bio-Energy Recovery System (BERS); Fidelity Investment’s has renovated and occupied the previous Amherst Computer building; PC Connections has expanded into several adjacent buildings; and a new Walgreen’s Pharmacy was approved on a consolidated site at the intersection of D. W. Highway and Bedford Road. In addition, there are exciting projects on the horizon: including a new indoor “Water Park” proposal, by the Marriott Corporation, for the former Merrimack Hotel and Conference Center site, on Executive Park Drive.

New residential construction activity has slowed significantly, reflecting national economic trends. Twenty-five (25) new single family lots were approved in the past year, although the Town continues to accrue a supply of approved-yet-to-be-built residential units. At the same time, building permit activity for renovations and improvements to existing homes is strong.

Interest in real estate, development, and associated investment, in Town also remained strong through 2006. In particular, there remains a high level of interest in retail and re-use potential – fueled in part by Chelsea Development’s proposal to establish a 650,000 sq. ft. premium outlet center within the I-2 Zone adjacent to Exit 10. With the Court’s declaration of the validity of the

proposed zoning amendment, the premium outlet mall proposal has moved to the Planning Board review process, and the review will continue in the coming year.

Also, with the Town Meeting's approval of Article 2 at the April, 2006, Town Meeting – which created a mechanism for the establishment of mixed use developments via a Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Board – the Town will continue to be a “hot spot” for creative (re)development opportunities on key parcels of property in Town. This is especially important to the expressed need to encourage economic development, growth, and development to offset the property tax burden of the current residents.

In other community development activities for the year, the Department is nearing completion of the implementation of the \$500,000 emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to construct on-site sewers, at the Camp Sargent Road Manufactured Housing Park Cooperative, to correct the health issues posed by failing septic systems.

The Department also supported and sponsored a “design charette” by the Plan NH organization, focused upon the recently dedicated “Watson Park” facility (the former Harcros property). The results of the charette have provided the momentum and the genesis for the formation of a Citizen Committee to oversee the transformation of the former industrial property into a significant public space in the “heart” of the community.

For additional information and highlights of the activities of the Boards, Commissions and Committees supported by the Community Development Department staff, please consult the reports contained herein for: Code Enforcement; Conservation Commission; Health; Heritage Commission; Horse Hill Nature Preserve; Planning Board; and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Also, I would like to say “Thank You” to all the Board, Commission, and Committee members, that work hard to make Merrimack a better place – thank you for your thoughts and insights, and (most importantly) your efforts to define Merrimack's true “Community Development”.

Last, I would like to thank my staff for their dedication and commitment in support of the Department's mission. The Town is fortunate to have been able to retain employees of such caliber.

Community Development Department Staff

Community Development Director Walter Warren, Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Larson, Building/Health Official David Mark, Community Resource Planner Scott McPhie, Building Inspector Joseph Comer, Planning Assistant Steve Laurin, Health Officer Cecil Curran, Office Manager Evelyn Gillis, Building Secretary Carol Miner, Secretary Rebecca Thompson

Merrimack Conservation Commission 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Andy Powell

The year 2006 is one to remember! Long-term acquisition efforts were finally rewarded with the substantial expansion of the Grater Woods Town Forest. Seventy acres of wooded and wetland open space were donated to the Town that included an important blue heron rookery. Several months later, the Merrimack Conservation Commission (MCC) was able to purchase another long sought after 77-acre parcel. It contained large beaver ponds, key wildlife habitats and again expanded Grater Woods. Grater Woods is now adjacent to the Middle School and it is rapidly becoming a popular educational classroom. As the year ended, Grater Woods Town Forest contained almost 400 contiguous acres. The MCC will actively manage it with emphasis on water, wildlife, woods, and recreation. A Grater Woods citizen advisory group has been established and is open to any interested citizen.

The MCC accepted the responsibility from the Town Council to manage the 560-acre Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP). Immediately, a core group of volunteer citizens went to work developing and marking trails, upgrading access points, and conducting monthly informational walks. Volunteers have already donated over 300 hours in order to provide residents the opportunity to enjoy the HHNP land we all purchased several years ago. HHNP goals for 2007 include creating a trails map, posting the map locally and on the web, improving walking and emergency access, marking the bounds and helping all interested people learn more about this important natural asset. For more information about Horse Hill or to volunteer, please contact the MCC in the Community Development office at Town Hall at (603) 424-3531.

The MCC also provided information to citizens interested in protecting their family lands in the face of increasing development pressures, on the proper management of open space, wildlife habitat, wetlands, and a wide variety of conservation-related issues. In addition to the two large parcels mentioned above, the MCC oversees an additional 600 acres of Town-owned open space. In the spring, the MCC distributed free wildlife-related, New Hampshire-grown trees and shrubs to citizens. The MCC provided financial support for the University of New Hampshire Lay Lakes Monitoring Program of Baboosic and Naticook Lakes, and the Souhegan River Watershed Association water testing program and their Adopt-a-Salmon program. The MCC continued to monitor the two-dozen wood duck boxes they have placed around Town and continue to add some each year.

The MCC has set seven specific goals to accomplish during 2007 and prepared long-range objectives. Details are available on the MCC portion of the Town website or from any MCC member. Through the generous donation of volunteer time, materials, and energy we can continue to preserve and manage the important open spaces and natural resources in Merrimack.

The MCC advises the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) on all Wetlands Dredge and Fill Applications and on Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act issues. The MCC advises the Planning Board on all construction projects located within the Aquifer Protection District and Wellhead Protection Areas. The MCC also reviews development proposals for their potential impact on wildlife habitat, water resources, wetlands and open space resources and works to minimize any negative impacts. Issues of special interest include proper storm water management, hazardous material handling/spill planning, and the control of the use of potentially damaging ice melting compounds, pesticides, and fertilizers.

The MCC is composed of seven volunteer voting members and three alternates and meets twice monthly. New members and/or volunteers are welcomed as there are several openings. The public is encouraged to attend the twice-monthly meetings and to comment/participate on any items of interest.

Merrimack Conservation Commission Members and Support Staff

Chairman Andy Powell, Vice Chairman Robert Croatti, Eber Currier, Doug Starr, Walt Wienzek, Phil Straight, Community Resources Planner Scott McPhie, volunteer members of the HHNP and the Grater Woods Town Forest subcommittees, and additional citizen work volunteers

Merrimack Emergency Management 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Acting Fire Chief/Assistant Emergency Management Director Richard A. Todd

Merrimack Emergency Management is responsible for ensuring the Town is ready and capable of handling a catastrophic incident beyond the normal capabilities of budgeted resources. Emergency Management prepares emergency plans for these events, and then tests the response capabilities of the Town through coordinated full-scale emergency drills. Components of the emergency plan include operational plans for each Town department, emergency shelter sites, evacuation procedures, and stock piling of essential equipment. For many years, Merrimack has been a leader throughout the State of New Hampshire in Emergency Management.

Planning was well underway for a major emergency management drill in May 2006. The exercise was two-fold. The drill was to not only test the first responder, but also to test department heads as well as other Town officials. The first part of the drill was a tabletop exercise to teach department heads and Town officials on the unified command structure. This was held in April and was well received by the participants. Due to the major flooding that occurred less than two weeks before the scheduled drill, the actual practical part of the drill had to be postponed. The Town coordinates a major drill every several years to test the Local Emergency Plan and to allow emergency responders to perfect their skills.

In May, Merrimack experienced the worst flooding in fifty years. Several areas of Town were under water. Several homes sustained major damage from flooding. Over 10,000 sandbags were distributed. The Town declared a "State of Emergency." All Town departments and the community worked together for one common goal; this was to protect the Town and its citizens.

The Local Emergency Plan is being revised to comply with the FEMA required "All Hazards" approach to emergency planning. The Local Emergency Plan is a document that lists the actions the Town should take in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. This could include a blizzard, flood, ice storm, public health emergency, terrorist act, chemical spill, or a failure of a critical utility including water, gas, or telephone. The plan is in its final stages and should be approved by the Town Council in February 2007.

The Local Emergency Plan has a separate annex dealing exclusively with terrorism. The purpose of this annex is to ensure the Town is prepared in the event of a terrorist incident in or around Merrimack.

The Town also has a Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was developed with the assistance of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, and is designed to assist the Town in planning to reduce and mitigate future losses from natural and man-made hazard events.

As a part of the Emergency Management planning function, an Avian Flu Preparedness Committee continues to work toward a finalized plan. The purpose of the committee is to develop an emergency response plan for the predicted flu pandemic. Although the Town has a Local Emergency Plan, the uniqueness of the flu pandemic necessitated the need for an additional specific plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the departments and all of the volunteers that gave countless hours assisting the Town during the flooding that occurred in May of 2006.

Avian Flu Preparedness

As part of the Emergency Management planning function, an Avian Flu Preparedness Committee was formed in November of 2005. The purpose of the committee is to develop an emergency response plan for the predicted flu pandemic.

The local response to a pandemic will largely reflect the ability of the Town of Merrimack to respond to any emergency or disaster. Because of the potential impact of a pandemic and the need to coordinate a number of partners to effectively respond, planning for such an event needs to occur well in advance.

This emergency plan is designed to prepare the Town to deal successfully with the potential of an Avian flu pandemic. The three separate but related goals of this plan are as follows:

- To protect the citizens of Merrimack
- To limit or prevent the spread of the virus
- To ensure the delivery of essential Town-provided services continues in the event of a pandemic

This plan has been developed in anticipation of an Avian flu pandemic. Actions listed in this plan shall be utilized only when an outbreak is reported by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. This does not mean, however, that employees, teachers, staff, students, and citizens should not practice “common sense” infection control activities with regard to good hand hygiene and cough etiquette at all times.

Several features set pandemic influenza apart from other public health emergencies or community disasters:

- Influenza pandemics are expected but unpredictable and arrive with very little warning.
- Outbreaks can be expected to occur simultaneously throughout much of the United States, preventing shifts in human and material resources that usually occur in response to other disasters. Merrimack must be prepared to rely on its own resources to respond.
- The effects of influenza on individual communities will be relatively prolonged (weeks to months) in comparison to other types of disasters.
- Because of the high degree of infectiousness of pandemic influenza, the number of persons affected will be high.
- Healthcare workers and first responders may be at higher risk of exposure and illness than the general population, further straining the health care system. Effective prevention and therapeutic measures, including vaccine and antiviral agents, will be delayed and in short supply.
- Widespread illness in Merrimack could increase the likelihood of sudden and potentially significant shortages of personnel in other sectors who provide public-safety services.

The plan contains specific sections designed to meet the goals outlined above. Specifically, the plan will include provisions for the quarantine of sick people, drastic measures to prevent the spread of the virus, including closing schools and canceling public meetings, plans to deal with the high absenteeism rates, training and protecting emergency responders, providing critical, timely, and ongoing information to the public via multiple media outlets, and distribution of vaccines (when they become available).

During 2006, the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee met regularly to finalize the Plan. Much of the Plan's components are completed and we are now working closely with the Nashua Regional Health Advisory Committee to incorporate their plan into ours. This will facilitate the formulation of a Regional "All Hazards" plan in the event of an outbreak whereby necessary supplies will be available for our community. Funds for participation in the regional planning process were recently accepted by the Town Council for this purpose.

Prevention

The best advice for everyone during a pandemic outbreak is to follow these instructions at home, work, and/or school:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw away used tissues where no one else will handle them.
- Wash your hands frequently or use alcohol-based gel hand sanitizers. Do not touch your eyes, mouth, or nose.
- Get vaccinated with an annual flu shot.
- If you are sick, stay home so you do not spread the flu to people who are not sick.
- If you have a child who is sick with the flu, they should not attend school or childcare, where they can infect others.
- If you are sick, drink plenty of fluids, but avoid coffee and alcohol. Use medications to relieve flu symptoms and talk to your doctor about antiviral medication.
- And, most importantly, do not panic.
- If you seek additional information, please visit our web site:

http://www.ci.merrimack.nh.us/Boards/Avian_Flu/avian_flu_preparedness_committee.htm

Avian Flu Preparedness Committee Members

Chair Police Captain Mark Doyle, Deputy Police Chief Mike Milligan,
State Representative Peter Batula, Department of Public Works Director Ed Chase,
Merrimack School District Business Administrator Matt Shevenell, Health Officer Cec Curran,
Media Services Coordinator Nick Lavallee, St. Joseph Hospital EMS and Trauma Services
Manager Fran Dupuis, Merrimack Village District Office Manager Jill Vacchiano,
Merrimack resident Pat McGrath, and Merrimack Fire Department Deputy Chief Frank Fraitzl

Merrimack Fire Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Acting Fire Chief Richard A. Todd

The Merrimack Fire Department provides fire, rescue, ambulance, hazardous material, emergency management, fire code enforcement, fire prevention education, and fire investigation services to the residents of Merrimack. The department also coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The department was founded on May 12, 1924, and the first full-time personnel were hired in 1971. Since that time, the department has expanded and advanced to meet the needs of the residents of Merrimack.

The department is comprised of people doing similar jobs in different capacities. Some personnel are full time, some are part time, and some are on-call and volunteers. The largest work group in the department is the full-time personnel with a total of 42; this includes the administrative staff, who work Monday through Friday, and four, nine-person shifts, who provide 24-hour emergency response coverage for the community. Five part-time personnel work on a weekly basis, including the fire inspectors and the daytime ambulance attendants. On-call firefighters consist of personnel who serve as firefighters on an on-call basis, and are paid hourly for the time worked. EMS Division Personnel receive a monthly stipend to respond to ambulance calls at night and during the weekend.

In 2006, the department responded to 2,616 emergency calls. The emergency calls included 1,175 fire/other and 1,441 emergency medical calls. In addition, firefighters continued to respond to a high number of multiple calls. A multiple call is a second or third emergency call received before the initial call is completed. During the past two years, **20%** of all emergency calls were multiple calls. During 2006, seven civilians and two firefighters were injured by fire. Fire loss for the year totaled \$791,600.

Firefighters responded to two multiple alarm fires in January. A three-alarm fire at Mr. G's Restaurant and a two-alarm fire on Turkey Hill Road. Firefighters responded to a garage fire on Beebe Lane where several dogs were rescued. In February, firefighters responded to a structure fire on Forest Drive. In March, Emergency Service (including Police, Fire EMS, and NH Fish & Game) responded to 80 Acres for a search and rescue. Approximately, 30 Fire and Law Enforcement personnel searched for an individual for three hours. During that time, units were engaged in this technical rescue of removing the injured subject from the heavily wooded area while another emergency call was received at communications. This call was reporting a brush fire on Raymond Drive. Subsequent calls reported that it was a fully involved garage fire and not a brush fire. A second alarm was called, bringing in additional off-duty personnel and mutual aid. In late March, firefighters responded to a single-alarm fire on Freedom Street where an electrical fire caused damage to a residence. In April, firefighters responded to a three-alarm fire on Old Blood Road for a structure fire. On their arrival, firefighters found a large two-story

home well involved. Due to the area not having hydrants, firefighters had to lay 3,500 feet of large diameter hose from the nearest hydrant. In June, firefighters responded to a two-alarm fire on Sundale Drive. The fire was confined to the basement area of the home.

On February 17, 2006, the Merrimack area experienced a strong cold front that came through with damaging winds in excess of 60 mph and between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. the fire department responded to 37 calls for service. Falling trees damaged several homes and power to a large portion of the community was disrupted. A temporary shelter was opened at the John O'Leary Adult Community Center for those without power.

In May, the Town of Merrimack sustained some of the worst flooding in recent years. The Town declared a Town-wide emergency. All emergency services were activated. There were several areas of Town that were impacted. The hardest hit areas were the residences on Island Drive. Firefighters delivered over 10,000 sandbags to residents and Public Works crews delivered sand. Firefighters rescued several additional residents by boat from the Island Drive/Horseshoe Pond neighborhood. The causeway leading into the island was under several feet of water and not passable by vehicles. The high water from Horseshoe Pond also encroached on the condominiums on Pond View Drive. The rising water of the Merrimack River was encroaching on the Merrimack Wastewater Treatment facility on Mast Road. Merrimack requested assistance from the New Hampshire National Guard to assist in sand bagging operations around the treatment plant. The 744th Transportation Company from Hillsboro was assigned to this function. Crews from the Merrimack Village District also assisted at the scene. Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management personnel responded to a record number of calls within that period.

Firefighters also responded to many other calls for service including appliance fires, chimney fires, electrical fires, vehicle fires, trash fires, brush fires, smoke investigations, water problems, and carbon monoxide and detector activations.

The department responded to many serious motor vehicle accidents, several of which required the use of the "Jaws of Life" to free the trapped occupants. In October, one person was evacuated via medical helicopter from the scene after being seriously injured in a motorcycle/car accident. On numerous occasions, all three Town ambulances have been used simultaneously within the Town.

During the year, the Fire Marshal's office completed 442 fire prevention inspections, including school, business, and industrial. They issued 147 permits, including blasting, Place of Assembly, and oil burner permits. In addition, 2,700 outside burning permits were issued.

The Elementary School Fire Prevention Program was a great success this year. Fire companies visited all public and private elementary schools and all daycare centers in Merrimack to teach fire safety to the students. The program included instruction on "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Home Evacuation Plans." Students also saw a firefighter in full protective clothing and viewed

the fire apparatus. The success of this program would not have been possible without the complete support and cooperation of the teachers and staff at all the schools.

The Fire Department, with the cooperation of all three elementary schools, conducted the third annual Jr. Firefighters' Muster. Teams from all three schools competed in different events such as the Dry Hose Race, Midnight Alarm, and the Bucket Brigade. Firefighters donated their own time to act as mentors to the students.

Firefighter and Army Lt. Daniel Newman received the Military Hero award at the Greater Souhegan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross' third annual Hero's Breakfast.

The Fire Department Honor Guard played a vital role in several ceremonies this year including; the 4th of July celebration, the New Hampshire State Firefighters Memorial Dedication, the Manchester Fire Prevention parade, and the funeral detail for fallen Manchester Police Officer Michael Briggs.

Several personnel changes were made in 2006: **Chief William Pepler, Jr.** retired after seven years with the department, **Captain William Cashin** retired after 27 years, **Master Firefighter Daniel Belanger** retired after 32 years of service, **Master Firefighter Carl Nelsen** retired after 19 years of service, and **EMS Deputy Chief Steve Bachand** resigned after dedicating more than 20 years to EMS in the Town; **Lieutenant Richard Pierson** was promoted to Captain; **Master Firefighter Brian Dubreuil** was promoted to Lieutenant; and **Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Chambers, Firefighters Kip Caron, Mike Kiernan, Mark Bickford, and Brennan McCarthy** were hired as full-time firefighters to fill vacancies due to promotions, resignations, and retirements; **Call Firefighter Abe Azzam** resigned after 9 years of service; **Matthew Manuele, Aaron McAneney, and Eric Pharo** were hired as Call Firefighters; and **Jennifer Chambers, Danielle Ducharme, Eric Pharo and Eugene Kuczewski** were hired as EMS Volunteers.

I would like to specially thank the men and woman of the department for their dedication and willingness to serve the fire department and the community.

In closing, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Town Council, the Town Manager, all Town departments, and the citizens for their cooperation and assistance to the Fire Department.

Merrimack Fire Department Personnel

Acting Fire Chief/Assistant Emergency Management Director

Richard A. Todd (Appointed November 13, 2006)

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

William H. Pepler, Jr. (Retired November 10, 2006)

Administration

Assistant Chief David Parenti, Deputy Chief Michael Currier,
and Deputy Chief Frank Fraitzl

Staff Personnel

Administrative Officer John Manuele, Fire Inspector Leo LeBlanc, Fire Inspector Pip Adams,
and Office Manager Cathy Nadeau

Captains

Richard Todd, Scott Simpson, Shawn Allison, and Richard Pierson

Lieutenants

Ronald Hansen, Brian Borneman, Richard Barrows, and Brian Dubreuil

Master Firefighters

Mark Akerstrom, Marc Bechard, Gerard Beland, Norman Carr, Jr., Bruce Cornelius,
Thomas Dalton, Matthew Duke, Richard Gagne, David Joki, Shawn Kimball, Jason Marsella,
Wayne Perkins, and David Trepaney

Master Firefighter/Paramedics

Scott Bannister, Shawn Brechtel, John Demyanovich, Paul Kelly, Robert Panit,
and William Pelrine

Firefighter/Paramedics

Kevin Chambers and John Chisholm

Firefighters

Mark Bickford, Kip Caron, Richard Ducharme, Shawn Farrell, Michael Kiernan,
Brennan McCarthy, and Daniel Newman

Call Firefighters

Abe Azzam, James Bailey, Thomas Benoit, Squad Leader Roland Blanchette,
Deputy Chief Martin Carrier, Joseph Comer, Michael Comer, Fran Dupuis, Joshua Glennon,
Aaron McAneney, Manny Marcel, Matthew Manuele, Jamison Mayhew, Matt Pfeifer,
Eric Pharo, Arthur Stockhausen, and Lieutenant Christopher Wyman

Part-time Day Ambulance Attendants

Patrick McDonagh, Michelle Moore, Krystle Pelletier, and Arthur Stockhausen

EMS Volunteers

Tom Arnold, Deputy Chief Steve Bachand, Jennifer Chambers, Danielle Ducharme,
Timothy Dutton, Michael Dwyer, James Ekins, Gary Gauvin, Eugene Kuczewski,
Paul Mondoux, Michelle Moore, John O'Neil, Krystle Pelletier, Lt. Matt Pfeifer, Eric Pharo,
and Robert Veale

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/06} And {12/31/06}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	22	0.84%	\$692,700	87.50%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	6	0.23%	\$550	0.06%
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	3	0.11%	\$1,500	0.18%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	11	0.42%	\$51,850	6.55%
132 Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	24	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	8	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
	91	3.48%	\$746,600	94.31%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)				
200 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
210 Overpressure rupture from steam, Other	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
212 Overpressure rupture of steam boiler	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
	7	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
300A Allergic Reaction/Non-Transport	6	0.23%	\$0	0.00%
300B Behavioral / Non-Transport	27	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
300C Cardiovascular/ Non- Transport	16	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
300D Diabetic/ Non-Transport	22	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
300G Gastrointestinal/ Non-Transport	12	0.46%	\$0	0.00%
300H Heat/Hyperthermia/ Non-Transport	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
300M Musculoskeletal/Non-Transport	8	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
300N Neurological/ Non-Transport	16	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
300O OB/GYN/ Non-Transport	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
300P Poisoning/Overdose/ Non-Transport	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
300Q Other/ Non-Transport	40	1.53%	\$0	0.00%
300R Respiratory/ Non-Transport	27	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
300S Toxic Exposure/ Non-Transport	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/06} And {12/31/06}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300T Trauma/ Non-Transport	50	1.91%	\$0	0.00%
300U Urinary Tract/ Non-Transport	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
300V Vascular/ Non-Transport	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
300X MVA With Injury/ Non-Transport	27	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
300Y MVA Without Injury/ Non-Transport	99	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
300Z MVA Pedestrian/ Non-Transport	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Lift assist	54	2.07%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
321A Allergic Reaction/ Transport	22	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
321B Behavioral/ Transport	40	1.53%	\$0	0.00%
321C Cardiovascular/ Transport	229	8.76%	\$0	0.00%
321D Diabetic/ Transport	24	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
321G Gastrointestinal/ Transport	80	3.06%	\$0	0.00%
321H Heat/ Hyperthermia/ Transport	15	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
321M Musculoskeletal/ Transport	83	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
321N Neurological/ Transport	127	4.86%	\$0	0.00%
321O OB/GYN/ Transport	11	0.42%	\$0	0.00%
321P Poisoning/ Overdose/ Transport	34	1.30%	\$0	0.00%
321R Respiratory/ Transport	87	3.33%	\$0	0.00%
321S Toxic Exposure/ Transport	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
321T Trauma / Transport	121	4.63%	\$0	0.00%
321U Urinary / Transport	15	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
321V Vascular / Transport	30	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
321X MVA With Injury / Transport	85	3.25%	\$0	0.00%
321Y MVA Without Injury / Transport	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
321Z MVA Pedestrian/ Transport	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
341 Search for person on land	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
360 Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
365 Watercraft rescue	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
381 Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>1,439</u>	<u>55.05%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
400 Hazardous condition, Other	9	0.34%	\$30,000	3.78%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	18	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	19	0.73%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/06} And {12/31/06}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
420 Toxic condition, Other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
423 Refrigeration leak	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	15	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	16	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
4441 Cable Wire Down	6	0.23%	\$0	0.00%
4442 Telephone Wire Down	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
4443 Tree on Wire	28	1.07%	\$0	0.00%
4444 Transformer Problem	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	13	0.50%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	0.15%	\$10,000	1.26%
480 Attempted burning, illegal action, Other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
	163	6.24%	\$40,000	5.05%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	61	2.33%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	26	0.99%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	37	1.42%	\$0	0.00%
521 Water evacuation	15	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	14	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal rescue	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	25	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
552 Police matter	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	12	0.46%	\$0	0.00%
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	21	0.80%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	18	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
5711 Mutual aid to the scene	10	0.38%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/06} And {12/31/06}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	255	9.76%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	98	3.75%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	50	1.91%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
631 Authorized controlled burning	17	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	26	0.99%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
	218	8.34%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	7	0.27%	\$5,000	0.63%
721 Bomb scare - no bomb	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	36	1.38%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	10	0.38%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
7331 Detector activation due to malfunction	43	1.64%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	76	2.91%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	10	0.38%	\$0	0.00%
742 Extinguishing system activation	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire-unintentional	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	104	3.98%	\$0	0.00%
7441 Detector activation, no medical- unintentional	7	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	15	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	323	12.36%	\$5,000	0.63%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
800 Severe weather or natural disaster, Other	17	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
812 Flood assessment	89	3.40%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/06} And {12/31/06}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
814 Lightning strike (no fire)	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>109</u>	<u>4.17%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
9 Special Incident Type				
900 Special type of incident, Other	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
9001 Fire Watch	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
911 Citizen complaint	2	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>9</u>	<u>0.34%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

Total Incident Count: 2614

Total Est Loss:

\$791,600

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger Report

Submitted by Acting Fire Chief Richard A. Todd

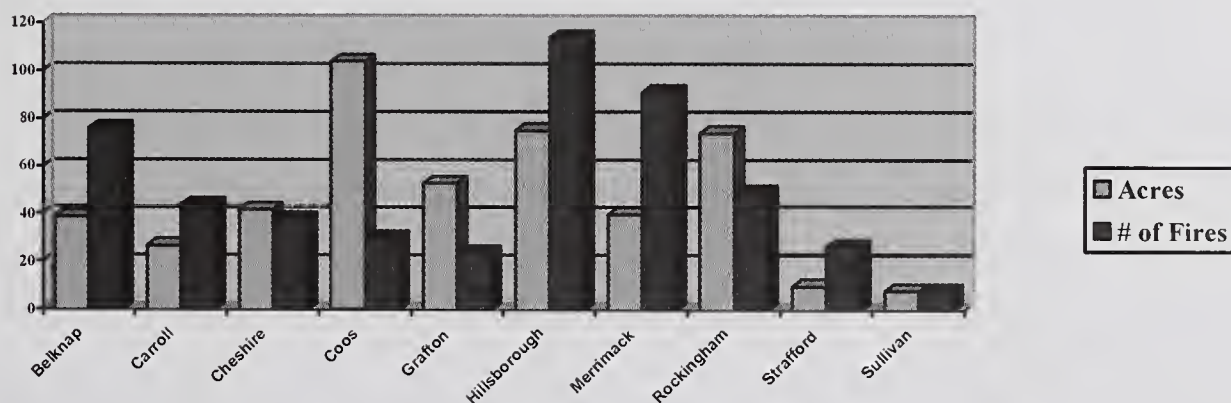
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2006)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)



COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	39	76
Carroll	27	44
Cheshire	42	38
Coos	104	30
Grafton	53	24
Hillsborough	75	114
Merrimack	40	91
Rockingham	74	49
Strafford	10	26
Sullivan	8	8

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Cause	# of Fires
Arson	15
Campfire	24
Children	13
Smoking	50
Debris	284
Railroad	3
Equipment	4
Lightening	1
Misc.*	106

* (power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

FIRES PER YEAR WITH ACREAGE

Year	# of Fires	Acres
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100

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Merrimack Health Division 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Health Officer Cec Curran

The Health Officer is responsible for the licensing and inspection of all food service establishments. Recall notices, provided by Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), may involve on-site inspections or faxed notices of products being recalled to appropriate food service locations.

Inspections are done on daycare and foster homes, prior to licensing by the State. Public bathing areas are inspected before licensing and additional inspections as required.

All new or replaced septic systems are inspected to ensure compatibility with the respective soils, compliance with approved plans and use of proper methods and materials.

Service requests related to improper handling of trash, violations of minimum housing standards, sanitation in public buildings or actions which compromise the public health in any way, are addressed by the Health Officer.

In the interest of public health, the Health Officer has the authority to condemn a building, revoke a food-service license, or close a public bathing area, when conditions warrant.

The Center for Disease Control would use this office as a primary contact to conduct an investigation into an outbreak of a contagious disease or food-borne illness.

Statistics (2006)

Food Service Licenses	143
Public Bathing Area Licenses	20
Day Care Centers and Private Homes	19
Foster Homes	14
Test Pits for Septic Systems	66
Bed Bottom for Septic Systems	85
Final Inspection for Septic Systems	38
Food Recalls by F.S.I.S. (FDA)	34
Training sessions for EEE,WNV, Epidemiology and Avian Flu	32

Note: The role of Health Officer is undergoing a dramatic change. The new category of "Training", in the above table, indicates the amount of time being directed at newly emerging public health threats.

Merrimack Heritage Commission 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Ruth Roulx

The Merrimack Heritage Commission was established on March 14, 2000. Our mission is to preserve and restore our Town's 279 years of history for the future. The Commission has already made a positive impact on portions of the historical resources of the Town Center Master Plan. Our goal for 2007 is to bring more attention to the existing regulations that emphasize historic preservation and improve communication with the Planning Board.

January and February were heavy fundraising months with the sale of Christmas cards and additional donations from some of the date plaque recipients. March was a month to lobby for the preservation of significant private historical sites. The Commission worked with the Wheeler Chapel Board to preserve this Reed's Ferry landmark. The State Register was completed for Simonds Rock. Extensive efforts were made to educate the public about the historical significance of the Souhegan Village Dam and the uneven distribution of grant funding for the destruction of dams versus their preservation and repair.

In April, the Heritage Commission used their funds to provide permanent signage for the Ancient Graveyards of Merrimack. The owners of Kisslinger's store, the oldest continuously operating retail structure in Town, were contacted when they put the building up for sale. Consequently, this historic property was sold to a buyer who will retain it for retail and residential use. May and June were months to prepare for the 4th of July parade. Florence Brown spent many weeks communicating with the Matthew Thornton family culminating in the Rotary choosing the family to be Grand Marshal's of the parade.

In July, the Commission held a reception for the Thornton family to thank them for helping Merrimack honor their past. Florence Brown stepped down as Chairman of the Heritage Commission to focus on publicity and education. Ruth Roulx took over as chairman shortly after.

The August and September months were used to create and define goals. Among them were preservation of the Reverend Wright House, State Register for King Kone, restoration of Olde Kings Highway, and continued publicity for preservation. October, Heritage month, was an opportunity to thank the historic plaque participants with an educational lecture by Historic Properties Inc. Homeowners attending spoke about their own old homes, boy scouts attended to work on their history merit badge, and the Historical Society enlisted volunteers to help with the publication of "The History of Merrimack, Part 2."

November and December presented the opportunity to draft a letter to improve communication with the Planning Board concerning historic subdivision regulations. Ruth Roulx met with the new Town Manager to present the Olde Kings Highway project as prepared in a three-phase plan by staff with the assistance of public works. This plan simplifies and would expedite the Class 6 restoration project.

Heritage Commission Members and Support Staff

Chairman Ruth Roulx, Vice Chairman Joseph Geiger, Publicity Florence Brown,
Research Pete Hinkle, State Registry Constance Kreider,
Historic Research Advisor/Community Planner Scott McPhie

History of Merrimack, New Hampshire

Submitted by Janice Brown*

Merrimack was originally the home of the Penacook Indians. These Native Americans were part of a confederacy of Algonquian tribes that occupied the basin of the Merrimack River and adjacent regions in New Hampshire. They called this area “Natukhog” or Naticook. The word “Merrimack” comes from an Abenaki term meaning either “the place of strong current” or “a sturgeon.”

European colonists settled here as early as 1655. In that year, the Massachusetts General Court laid out land in current-day Merrimack to the town of Billerica, and John Cromwell is mentioned as having a trading house here. He built a house on the bank of the Merrimack River about a mile below Thornton's Ferry. The next permanent settler was believed to be Jonas Barrett in 1722.

In 1658, the town became part of Brenton's Farm, and even later, became a part of the town of Dunstable. In 1734, the General Court of Massachusetts separated and granted the Town under the name of Naticook (which included the current-day town of Litchfield and the southern part of Merrimack). In 1741, the boundary line dispute between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was settled, changing several township boundary lines. On April 2, 1746, a petition was granted which incorporated "Merrymac" – the current Town of Merrimack.

The original meeting-house was built in 1751 at the corner of Turkey Hill and Meetinghouse Roads. This was considered the first Town center. The west wing of Merrimack's current town hall was built in 1872.

During the American Revolution, Merrimack furnished eleven of the men who participated in the battle of Breeds Hill (often called Bunker Hill), and at least ninety-four men participated between 1775-1783. Reuben Cummings, a sixteen-year-old drummer, was the only Merrimack soldier known to have died during that war, on September 13, 1776. Capt. Caesar Barnes of Merrimack, a slave of Thomas Barnes, was an African American veteran of the American Revolution. During the Civil War, eighty-three Merrimack men volunteered.

Merrimack's Centennial Anniversary was held on April 3, 1846, and included historical addresses, dinner at a local hotel, speeches, and the planting of centennial trees. Merrimack's Bicentennial Anniversary was held June 30, 1946, and included historical presentations, plays, speeches, and a parade. In 2006, Merrimack celebrated its 260th anniversary.

Some of Merrimack's notable residents:

Passaconaway: Sagamore of the Native People called Penacook, who urged his tribe to maintain peace with the European settlers. In 1662, he was granted a piece of land, 1-1/2 miles

wide and 3 miles long on both sides of the Merrimack River, including two islands (Nunnehaha and Minnewawa) in the Merrimack River nearly opposite Reeds Ferry. He died about 1673.

The **Burnap Sisters** (Abigail, Elizabeth, Hannah, Ruth, Susan, and Lucy) were daughters of Jacob Burnap, Merrimack's first settled minister. They invented the making of "Leghorn hats" or bonnets, made from "Dunstable straw," and there is a record of one being sold for \$50 in 1821.

Dr. Matthew Thornton was both a physician and patriot and born in Northern Ireland. He was one of the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from New Hampshire. During the American Revolution he held the rank of colonel. He purchased land in south Merrimack, moving there about 1780, and ran the ferry. He is buried near the monument placed in his honor. That section of town (Thorntons Ferry) is named after him. The inscription on his tombstone reads, *An honest man*. The Thornton home still stands and is now a restaurant; once called Hannah Jack's Tavern (after Matthew's wife).

Walter Kittredge was born on Bedford Road in Reeds Ferry in 1834. This self-taught musician traveled with the then-famous Hutchinson family of singers. He wrote over five hundred songs and ballads including his most famous "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground." This song was popular with both sides during the Civil war.

Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN, was born on Depot Street in 1896, and was the son of the headmaster of the McGaw Institute. He was 12th Chief of Naval Operations from 1949-1951. The U.S.S. Forrest Sherman was named in his honor.

Abbie M. Griffin was born in 1879 in Merrimack. Her father owned a grocery store in Thorntons Ferry. She died in 1968, and in her will established several funds that continue to benefit the Town of Merrimack.

Levi Franklin Lowell was the owner of Fessenden & Lowell, a wholesale lumbering and coopering business in Brookline and Merrimack New Hampshire. He and his family moved to Merrimack in 1870. His daughters: Mabel (Mrs. John E. Haseltine) and Bertha (Mrs. Albert Gordon) donated funds in 1925 to build Merrimack's public library, as a memorial to their parents.

Among the most notable Merrimack residents, would be the brave souls who first settled in the early wilderness, now known as Merrimack.

* Janice Brown is the granddaughter of Mattie (Kilborn) Webster who compiled and narrated Merrimack's Centennial Pageant for the Town's Bicentennial Celebration in 1946. Sixty years later, she is honored to carry on her family's tradition of promoting a better understanding of local area history.

Horse Hill Nature Preserve Ad-Hoc Committee

2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Tim Tenhave

This year, the Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP) Ad-Hoc Committee completed its work in support of the HHNP Definitive Plan. The Definitive Plan for HHNP was accepted with a few changes by the Town Council on August 31, 2006. The Town Council then subsequently dissolved the Ad-Hoc Committee. Over the first half of the year, the Committee had its membership informally extended to include a broader spectrum of the Town. This group was known as the Consensus Building Group (CBG). The CBG was supported by members of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission to draft and put together the HHNP Definitive Plan. This work was completed in June and then the Town Council took action in August.

The Committee could not have been successful if not for the tremendous efforts of the staff in the Community Development Office, Nashua Regional Planning Commission, and all the active members of the CBG.

To learn more about the Definitive Plan and the HHNP, please visit

http://www.ci.merrimack.nh.us/Boards/Horse%20Hill%20NP/Horse_Hill_NP.htm

<http://www.hhnp.org>

What is the Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP)?

In April of 2002, the Town of Merrimack voted to purchase the property now known as the HHNP. The property is located in the southwestern part of Merrimack near Wasserman Park and is roughly bounded by Amherst, Peaslee, and Naticook Roads. The 563± acres of the HHNP consists of gently rolling to fairly steep terrain and two hills of approximately 400' elevation. The land was cleared for pasture in previous centuries, has been logged several times, and now consists primarily of a mixed hardwood forest with trees between 20 and 60 years of age.

The property includes a series of streams, ponds, swamps, and numerous wetlands totaling approximately 60 acres. A power line easement traverses the property. Logging roads formed the basis of what is today a trail network used by hikers, bikers, hunters, snowmobilers, horseback riders, etc. The varied terrain, habitat, and large areas of undisturbed open space have encouraged a wide variety of wildlife to thrive on the property.

For information on how you can volunteer to help conserve this property, please contact the Merrimack Conservation Commission's HHNP Sub-Committee; through the Town of Merrimack New Hampshire, Community Development Department (603) 424-3531.

Library Board of Trustees 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chair Pat Heinrich

This past year had both happy and sad moments for the Library Board of Trustees and its staff.

Two long-time employees were recognized for milestones at the library: Jane Loughlin has been providing excellent customer service at the circulation desk for twenty-five years and Janet Angus has been part of the library management team for twenty years.

This past year's **One Town, One Book** program featuring *Snow Island*, written by NH resident Katherine Towler was well received. The planning for next year's book selection and corresponding programs is well underway.

The very successful 11th Annual Library Festival (a.k.a. the Cardboard Board race) honored Library employee Patti Finlay who passed away November 8, 2005.

Voters did not approve any of the library sponsored warrant articles at the 2006 Town Meeting, but did approve a petitioned warrant article to dissolve the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund into which voters had approved savings toward a new library for the last 10 years.

The Trustees recognize that it will be several years before a new library can become a reality, but the need for a new library has not gone away. Trustees and staff are increasingly hard pressed to meet patron needs within the confines of the current building. Demand for library services of all kinds still continues to grow. Circulation has increased, though patrons can no longer easily locate books. In-library computer usage has increased over 25% but patron seating and quiet study space is all but gone.

However, the staff and trustees remain committed to meeting the educational, informational and recreational needs of the residents of Merrimack.

Merrimack Library Board of Trustees

John Buckley, Ann Burrows, Patricia Heinrich, Robert Kelley, and Barbara Tucker

Merrimack Public Library Trustees Accounts
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Special		Fines	
Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$7,355.20	Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$3,575.40
Receipts		Receipts	
Book Sale	\$6,170.60	Copy Machine	\$1,439.38
Food for Fines	722.08	Fines	16,226.79
Food for Fines, Pets	463.96	Interest	6.31
Gifts	1,465.80	Miscellaneous	0.00
Grants	1,037.75	Non-Resident	210.00
Interest	7.64		\$17,882.48
Library Festival	5,631.55	Disbursements	
Miscellaneous	1,554.00	Equipment	(\$0.00)
Transfers	0.00	Maintenance, Building	(0.00)
Trust Fund	1,829.07	Materials	(7,103.95)
Watson Interest Deposit	986.63	Miscellaneous	(18.00)
	\$19,869.08	Supplies	(271.66)
Disbursements		Transfer to DCU CD	(0.00)
Book Sale (Friends)	(\$1,461.00)	Transfer to Fidelity Mutual Fund	(6,100.00)
Equipment (Gifts)	(0.00)		(\$13,493.61)
Food for Fines	(722.08)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$7,964.27
Food for Fines, Pets	(463.96)	Fidelity Special	
Hospitality	(2,120.21)	Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$4,942.82
Library Festival	(3,082.13)	Investment (losses)/gains	194.72
Library Festival-MPL Dev. Fund	(2,364.68)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$5,137.54
Materials (Gifts)	(425.20)	Fidelity (Building)	
Memberships	(959.94)	Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$1,021.46
Merrimack PL Dev. Fund	(0.00)	Investment (losses)/gains	40.23
Miscellaneous	(1,356.95)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$1,061.69
Programs	(3,085.47)	Fidelity Watson (\$30,000) New	
Supplies (Gifts)	(0.00)	Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$3,082.99
Training	(125.00)	Withdrawal for Book purchases	(986.63)
Transfer to Fidelity Watson	(0.00)	Investment (losses)/gains	117.79
Watson Book Purchases	(986.63)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$2,214.15
	(\$17,153.25)		
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$10,071.03		

Merrimack Public Library Trustees Accounts
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Fidelity Fines		DCU (Certificate 11) (Watson)	
Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$100,434.13	Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$0.00
Deposited to Account	6,100.00	Deposit (6/10/2005)	29,655.52
Transaction cost	(75.00)	Investment (losses)/gains	80.12
Investment (losses)/gains	12,220.27	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$29,735.64
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$118,679.40	DCU (Certificate 3) (Building)	
Digital Credit Union (DCU) Share Account		Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$9,198.60
Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$5.00	Investment (losses)/gains	27.36
Deposit	0.00	Withdrawal (Closed 8/10/2005)	(9,225.96)
Investment (losses)/gains	0.20	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$5.20	DCU (Certificate 7) (Building)	
DCU (Certificate 1) (Fines)		Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$0.00
Balance of 7/01/2005	30,662.02	Deposit (8/10/2005)	9,225.96
Investment (losses)/gains	91.19	Investment (losses)/gains	306.17
Withdrawal (Closed 8/10/2005)	(30,753.21)	Withdrawal (Closed 6/10/2005)	(9,532.13)
Balance as of 6/30/2006	0.00	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00
DCU (Certificate 5) (Fines)		DCU (Certificate 10) (Building)	
Balance of 7/01/2005	\$0.00	Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$0.00
Deposit (8/10/2005)	30,753.21	Deposit (6/10/2005)	9,532.13
Investment (losses)/gains	1,020.56	Investment (losses)/gains	25.75
Withdrawal (Closed 6/10/2005)	(31,773.77)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$9,557.88
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00	DCU (Certificate 4) (Fines)	
DCU (Certificate 12) (Fines)		Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$5,003.51
Balance of 7/01/2005	\$0.00	Withdrawal (Closed 1/23/2006)	(5,094.70)
Deposit (6/10/2005)	31,773.77	Investment (losses)/gains	91.19
Investment (losses)/gains	85.85	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$31,859.62	DCU (Certificate 9) (Fines)	
DCU (Certificate 2) (Watson)		Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$0.00
Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$28,617.89	Deposit (2/06/2006)	5,095.00
Investment (losses)/gains	85.11	Investment (losses)/gains	89.85
Withdrawal (Closed 8/10/2005)	(28,703.00)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$5,184.85
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00	DCU (Certificate 6) (Watson)	
DCU (Certificate 6) (Watson)		Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$0.00
Balance as of 7/01/2005	\$0.00	Deposit (8/10/2005)	28,703.00
Deposit (8/10/2005)	28,703.00	Investment (losses)/gains	952.52
Investment (losses)/gains	952.52	Withdrawal (Closed 6/10/ 2005)	(29,655.52)
Withdrawal (Closed 6/10/ 2005)	(29,655.52)	Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00
Balance as of 6/30/2006	\$0.00		

Merrimack Public Library 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Library Director Janet D. Angus

Once again people of all ages took advantage of the variety of offerings at their public library. We circulated 255,689 items. We had 147,476 people come into the building. We answered 18,841 questions. Through Inter-library Loan, we loaned 3,360 items and borrowed 2,764 items. Through the GMILCS Common Borrower Card program, we loaned 12,826 items and borrowed 7,587 items. Our public access computers were used by 19,538 people doing genealogical and other research, checking email, booking airline flights, shopping, job hunting, downloading music, doing homework, playing online games, sending instant messages to friends and family, and using Word, Excel, PowerPoint, proprietary databases, and the new Resume software.

This year we added wireless Internet access for users within the building and from the parking lot. Another new service allows patrons to request checked in materials online which are then retrieved for them by staff. We continue to add new materials to keep our collection current, interesting, and relevant to the needs of the community; however, we are constantly removing older materials to make room for them. Our collection contains books in regular and large print as well as on tape and compact disc. Other resources include music CDs, videocassettes, DVDs, passes to a variety of museums, and databases which offer primary source materials, full-text magazine articles, and even an online auto repair manual. Programs are offered for children, young adults, adults, and families. Check our webpage for all the latest information at www.merrimack.lib.nh.us.

In October we held our second **One Book, One Town** event. This year's book selection was *Snow Island* by Katherine Towler from Portsmouth, NH. There were a total of eight related programs culminating in a wrap-up party where raffle prize winners were drawn. We plan to hold this event annually during the month of October.

The Friends of the Library have continued to offer their support by helping with Library Festival and Book Sales, providing holiday wreaths, pencils, card sleeves, and magnets, and sponsoring their very successful **Books for Babies** program. They also helped with funding for the Children's Summer Reading Program events and **One Book, One Town** speakers. Friends' membership forms are available at the library and new members are always welcome.

Thanks to all who support the library with donations, gifts, and kind words. A special thank you goes to the Merrimack Flower Shop for providing the circulation desk with flower arrangements every two weeks and to Papergraphics for printing our newsletter, *Library Link*.

2005-2006 Library Statistical Report

Circulation

Adult Fiction	40,359
Adult Non-Fiction	34,094
Large Print	5,363
Young Adult	10,973
Books to Go	2,950
Paperback	5,137
Children's Fiction	18,879
Children's Non-Fiction	20,273
Children's Audiovisual	2,881
Children's CD ROMs	1,041
Children's Periodicals	649
Easy Books	44,473
Periodicals	8,153
Sound Recordings	14,792
Video Recordings	12,217
DVD	19,173
Compact Discs	9,055
CD ROMs	289
Museum Passes	821
Inter-Library Loan	2,721
Online renewals	1,260
Other	136

Total **255,689**

Telecommunication Access

Database Usage	22,469
Website Usage	107,354
Network Users in Library	19,538

Total Library Card Holders **16,535**

2005-2006 Library Collection Report

Number of Items as of 6/30/2006

Books	
Adult Fiction	23,725
Adult Non-Fiction	27,259
Young Adult Books	3,880
Children's Fiction	5,996
Children's Non-Fiction	12,284
Easy Books	9,283
Videocassettes	2,047
DVDs	908
Books on Cassette	1,392
Books on CD	539
Music CDs	1,845
CD ROMs	112
Children's Audiovisuals	603
Children's CD ROMs	136
Children's Toys	28

Total **90,037**

Magazine Subscriptions	202
Newspaper Subscriptions	9
Museum Passes	15

Programs and Meetings

Children's Programs	272
Young Adult Programs	41
Adult Programs	78
Library Meetings	59
Community Groups	26

Merrimack Public Library Staff

Administration

Library Director: Janet Angus

Assistant Director: Diane Arrato Gavrish

Administrative Assistant: Joanne Marston

Newsletter Editor: Jan Segedy

Circulation

Library Aide II: Jane Loughlin

Library Aide I: Natasha Bairamova, Madeline Bennett, Jean Clinghan, Gail Dahl,
Sheila Lippman, Sandra Meehan, and Robin Spencer

Library Aide/Substitute: Nancy Placentino, Patricia Radwan, Nina Martin, and Alexandra Wall

Library Page: Lisa Mandela, Susan Primeau, Linda Thompsen, and Sally Ann Trepanier

Library Page/Substitute: Tyler Meehan and Molly Rothenberg

Reference and Adult Services

Head of Reference: Ellen Knowlton

Reference/YA Librarian I: Alex Estabrook

Librarian I: Jan Conover and Deb Covell

Library Assistant II: Lee Gilmore

Technical Services

Head of Technical Services: Nancy Vigezzi

Library Assistant II: Darcy LaBrosse

Library Aide I: Debra Herget, Kathy Starr, and Jennifer Stover

Children's Services

Head of Children's Services: Maureen Graham

Library Aide II: Nancy Lane and Suzanne Wall

Library Aide/Page: Heather Labore

Maintenance

Custodian: Daniel Hastie

Custodial Aide: Marguerite Kidder

Volunteer

Patricia Flynn

Miscellaneous Committees

Ethics Committee

Chairman Richard Barry (*Term Expires 2007*), Vice Chairman Anthony Pellegrino (2008), Robert Kelley (2009), Fran L'Heureux (2008), Andrew Silvia (2009)

Highway Safety Committee

Chairman - Chief William Mulligan, Vice Chairman - Deputy Chief Paul Stavenger, Town Council Representative and Council Chairman Dave McCray, Roger Bellemore, Joseph Comer, Dave Lent, Fran L'Heureux, Robert L'Heureux, Norman Pepin, Rick Todd

Trustees of the Trust Funds

David Johnson, John Balcolm, John Lyons

Website Ad-Hoc Committee

Chairperson Jim Walker, Rick Barnes, Maria Garcia, Deborah Huffman, Mike Milligan, Rich Morrissey, Walter Warren

Parks and Recreation Committee 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Janet Cormier

The Parks and Recreation Committee coordinates with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Merrimack Youth Association (MYA), and other entities involved in all types of recreation and serves as an advisory board to the Town Manager and the Town Council. It recommends the utilization of all Town recreation property and either formulates or causes to be formulated, a Town recreation master plan.

By partnering with civic organizations such as Merrimack Crimeline, Merrimack Friends and Family, Boy and Girl Scout troops, 4-H Club, the Lions Club, and the Rotary, activities such as the Haunted Hay Ride, the Holiday Parade, the Winter Carnival, and the Easter Egg Hunt, have become annual Town-wide events.

The Committee currently is authorized to have twelve regular members with two alternates. In addition to seven Members-at-large and two alternates, who are appointed by the Town Council, there are voting representatives from the following organizations: the Merrimack School Board, the Town Council, the MYA, the Merrimack Seniors, and a representative from the Merrimack High School student body. Members-at-large serve for three years. Alternates serve for one-year terms and organization representatives are appointed yearly by their respective organizations. Any citizen of Merrimack interested in any aspect of recreation within the Town is welcomed to attend Committee meetings on the third Wednesday of the month and express their ideas, concerns, and opinions.

Some of the areas in which the Committee has been involved are:

1. Establishment of park review formats that standardizes the method by which recreation areas are reviewed by Committee members
2. Establishment of subcommittees to study and make recommendations for:
a) Accessibility to Recreation Areas; **b)** Wellness for residents of all ages and abilities; **c)** alternative recreation activities; **d)** athletic field recreation; and, **e)** recommendations for both handicap accessible picnic tables and toilet facilities
3. Recommendations for Parks and Recreation-sponsored trips
4. Creation of a plan to expand the Heritage Trail in Merrimack

Parks and Recreation Committee Members

Chairperson and Member-at-Large Janet Cormier, Vice Chairperson and Member-at-Large Chris Christensen, Member-at-Large Debbie Robinson, Member-at-Large Ruth Roulx, Merrimack Seniors Representative Lorraine Lessage, Town Council Representative Mike Malzone, School Board Representative George Markwell, Student Representative, Student Representative Jack Mulrey, MYA Representative Jim Taylor

Parks and Recreation Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted By Secretary Sherry Kalish

In September, after fifteen years of dedicated service to the Town of Merrimack, Michael Housman stepped down as Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Having grown up in Merrimack, Michael loved the Town and was proud to be of service to our many residents. Those of us who had the honor and privilege to work with Michael, wish him well in his new endeavors.

The Parks and Recreation Department's year of events began with the 15th Annual Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 18, 2006. Although unseasonably warm weather caused the cancellation of some of the festivities, others were enjoyed even more on the comfortable February day. Outdoors, families enjoyed horse-drawn wagon rides and an ice sculpture demonstration by David Soha and Dennis Hickey. Indoors, visitors found many displays and refreshments from various non-profit organizations, face painting by the Girl Scouts, and a demonstration by the Independent School of Karate under the direction of Kyoshi Peter Desmarais. A very special thank you goes to the Parks and Recreation Committee for helping to making this event possible.

Popular travel opportunities offered at discount rates included:

- Tickets to see "Disney on Ice" at the Verizon Wireless Arena on February 24, 2006
- Bus trip to the Boston Flower Show on March 15, 2006

On Saturday, April 8, 2006, the 14th annual Easter Egg Hunt took place at Wasserman Park. Special thanks to our co-sponsor; Merrimack Friends & Family, for helping to make this event possible! Merrimack's Skate Park on O'Gara Drive was open for its sixth season from April through October.

Wasserman Park facilities are available for rent throughout the year for a variety of functions including retreats, reunions, and company gatherings. Area schools also visit the Park for science projects and end-of-the-year picnics. The Merrimack Girl Scouts held their annual Camp-O-Ree the weekend of May 19-21, 2006. The Boy Scouts enjoyed their camp-out the weekend of June 2-4, 2006.

Lifeguards were on duty at Naticook Lake for public swimming from June through August. The water in Naticook Lake is tested weekly during the swimming season to ensure public safety. Naticook Day Camp was in session from June 26, 2006, through August 18, 2006, where staff members were readily available to provide children with an enjoyable summer of fun-filled activities. Summer programs including a certified Life guarding Course, youth Red Cross swimming lessons, band camp, basketball camp, and tennis lessons offered residents a variety of recreational opportunities.

Merrimack enjoyed its seventh year of weekly summer concerts at the Abbie Griffin Park Bandstand. Special thanks to Ruth Liberty and the Abbie Griffin Park Committee for their help.

The 14th annual Halloween Hayride was held at Wasserman Park on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Special thanks to the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Boy Scouts for providing indoor games, and the Girl Scouts who offered face painting. Thank you to the many non-profit organizations for providing refreshments. We extend our appreciation to co-host Pat Lane and her 4H group “Pups R Us”, who did a great job with the Haunted House.

The 15th annual Holiday Parade, with the theme “Holiday Melodies”, took place on Sunday, December 3, 2006. Thank you to our co-hosts, the Chamber of Commerce, for all their help with this event. Special thanks to Tom Nutting, Allen Soucy, Peggy and Jeff Kibbie of Custom Electric for lighting Fraser Square, and to the many other Chamber members who helped with the display. Our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks goes out to Santa and Mrs. Claus for sharing this very special time with us!

The 12th annual “Santa Calling Program” delighted children aged preschool through second grade. Approximately 200 children received calls from Santa on December 19, 2006. Our special thanks go to Santa’s helpers: Dick Roulx, Bob Kelley, Rick Barnes, Richard Faulks and Robert Bergin.

We would like to thank the following groups for their outstanding community support:

- Ruth Liberty and the Abbie Griffin Park Committee for help on the Summer Concert Series
- Fran L’Heureux and Ruth Liberty for their work on the Candlelight Walk
- Merrimack High School Class of 2006 who helped clean up the Town’s parks on Earth Day
- Merrimack Conservation Commission for their help cleaning up the trails
- Sno-Buds who groom the trails for cross-country skiing
- In memory of Norma French, long-time member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, you were always appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Department Goals for the year 2007 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Develop and implement a plan for expansion of our non-traditional programs, activities, and other recreational opportunities
- Continue to pursue grant opportunities to help offset existing budgeted programs
- Continue strategic planning process for Athletic Field Development and refurbishment
- Continue our strategic planning process for the Playground Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- Develop a new Master Plan for Wasserman Park
- Work with the Recreation Committee and MYA Executive Board to ensure better coordination of activities throughout Merrimack

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Merrimack for your continued support.

Naticook Day Camp Statistics for 2006

Session One (June 26, 2006 – July 7, 2006)

121 registered campers – *99 Merrimack residents and 22 nonresidents*

56 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

21 campers enrolled in the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

Session Two (July 10, 2006 – July 21, 2006)

139 registered campers – *16 Merrimack residents and 23 nonresidents*

73 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

22 campers enrolled in the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

Session Three (July 24, 2006 – August 4, 2006)

135 registered campers – *113 Merrimack residents and 22 nonresidents*

51 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

22 campers enrolled in the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

Session Four (August 7, 2006 – August 18, 2006)

138 registered campers – *119 Merrimack residents and 19 nonresidents*

56 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

21 campers enrolled in the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

Enrollment Statistics for Summer Programs 2006

Swimming Lessons	103
Lifeguard Training	4
Basketball Camp	191
Band Camp	14
Junior Tennis Camp	57

Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Michael Housman (January – September),
Interim Director Bruce Moreau (October – December), Maintenance Supervisor Robert Sullivan,
and Secretary Sherry Kalish

Merrimack Planning Board 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Nelson R. Disco

The Merrimack Planning Board held thirty-one regular meetings during 2006 primarily for the review of subdivision and site plans. The Board reviewed and approved four residential subdivision plans, which created a total of twenty-five conventional residential building lots, compared to twenty-four lots in 2005 and fifty-five lots in 2004. These subdivision approvals consisted of a sixteen-lot subdivision on Tinker Road on the Leblanc property adjacent to Holt Pond, a four-lot subdivision as part of the Greenfield Farms development on Pearson and Wire Road, and a three-lot subdivision on the Prince property on Old Blood Road. The Board also approved an 11,000-square-foot addition containing four classrooms at the Merrimack Valley Baptist Church on Seaverns Bridge Road.

Under review by the Board and staff at year-end were plans for a fifty-seven unit elderly housing project and ball field facilities on Manchester YMCA land near Horseshoe Pond, a six-lot subdivision on the High property on Bedford Road, and a twenty-four lot cluster residential subdivision on Pearson Road.

The Planning Board also approved nine commercial and four industrial site plans during the year. The major commercial plans were: a subdivision and road layout plan as part of the Regency Center/Merrimack Shopping Center LLC project that resulted in four new sites for retail development, including a new Shaw's Supermarket and several small retail outlets. The Board also approved a new Walgreen Pharmacy site on Route 3 at Bedford Road and a 120-foot telecommunications tower on the American Legion property on Baboosic Lake Road.

Commercial sites under review at year-end included a new CVS Pharmacy location in Connells' Shopping Center on Route 3, plans for a major expansion of the Merrimack Hotel at Exit 11, and plans for a McDonald's restaurant to replace the former Taco Bell restaurant on Continental Boulevard. Industrial site plans reviewed included approval of an expansion of PC Connection into the former movie theater on Route 101A. At year-end, the Board has accepted for review an industrial building by the Southwood Corporation on Manchester Street.

Approvals were granted for three home occupations and the Board granted eight waivers of full site plan review for minor changes to previously approved site plans. The Board also reviewed and approved the Town Capital Improvement Plan for 2007 through 2013.

Members of the Planning Board worked with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and the Souhegan River Local Advisory Commission on issues related to regional planning and watershed management and members attended several planning workshops and law lectures during the year.

In April 2005, the voters of Merrimack approved a zoning change which would allow Outlet Village Shops to be developed in the I-2 Industrial District with a Conditional Use Permit. This zoning change received a majority vote but was not adopted because a protest petition filed by abutters made a 2/3 majority necessary to pass the article. Chelsea Properties, who hold a purchase option on a tract of eligible I-2 zoned property, filed a petition with the NH Superior

Court protesting the Town's validation of the abutters' protest petition. In May 2006, the Superior Court decided that the protest petition did not have the required number of signatures for a valid petition and thus ruled that the majority vote in April 2005 was sufficient to pass the zoning change. In October, the Planning Board engaged the services of Richard Taintor & Associates to assist the Board in developing the criteria for a Conditional Use Permit under the ordinance. In October, the Planning Board held a preliminary discussion with representatives of Chelsea Properties in which Chelsea outlined their conceptual plans for development of an Outlet Site. At year's end, the Conditional Use Permit criterion is being refined and it is anticipated that the Board will be reviewing plans from Chelsea Properties during 2007.

The Planning Board prepared and presented to the voters two Zoning Ordinance amendments at the April Town Meeting. The first of these changed the permitted uses in the I-1 Industrial Zone to allow mixed (industrial/commercial/residential) uses in the zone on parcels of fifty or more acres by Conditional Use Permit. The second amendment updated the language regarding penalties for violations in several sections of the ordinance. Both amendments received voter approval.

The Town's Subdivision Regulations were amended during the year to clarify language in several areas, including amendments to provide for additional contractor-funded Town inspection services, and to revise the fee schedules.

In February 2006, Mr. Matthew Sheppard was appointed to be an alternate member of the Board. In April, Nelson Disco was reelected Chairman and Arthur (Pete) Gagnon was reelected Secretary to the Board. Tom Koenig was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen and later by the Merrimack Town Council to serve as the Selectmen's and Council's Representative to the Board. Mr. Finlay Rothhaus was appointed as an Alternate Council Representative. At the year-end, the Board consisted of seven full members and four alternates as listed below.

Walter Warren, Community Development Director, Diane Hardy, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stephen Lauren, Planning and Zoning Assistant, Zina Jordan, Recording Secretary, the clerical staff of the Community Development Department, engineering consultants, and the staff of the Merrimack Building and Health Division provided invaluable support to the Planning Board. The Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, and the NRPC also provided technical assistance to the Board. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Diane Hardy, resigned in August and Nancy Larson was hired to fill her position in December 2006.

Planning Board Members and Support Staff

Chairman Nelson Disco, Secretary Arthur (Pete) Gagnon*, John Segedy, Carol Ann Grondin Morrison, Stanley Bonislawski, Stephen Komisarek, Town Council Representative Tom Koenig, Alternate Council Representative Finlay Rothhaus, Alternate Alastair Millns, Alternate Richard Jones, and Alternate Matthew Sheppard

**Note from the staff of the Community Development Department:* We are pleased and proud to announce that the New Hampshire Planners Association recognized Planning Board Secretary, Arthur Gagnon, as "Citizen Planner of the Year" in 2006.

Merrimack Police Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chief of Police William F. Mulligan

To the honorable Town Council, Town Manager, and the citizens of the Town of Merrimack, I hereby submit my report for the Merrimack Police Department for the period covering January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. This report will identify the dedicated men and women who serve the Merrimack community, activities that have taken place during the 2006 calendar year, and accomplishments that have occurred.

As I submit the annual report for the 2006 calendar year, your police department is looking toward the future. In any organization, a vision of the future is essential in the performance of the present. In order to plan effectively and to have the best interests of the agency in mind, input from every part of the organization and its stakeholders is critical. We have been working in partnership with the community and have developed a five-year strategic plan. It is our intention to use the strategic plan to look ahead through the next five years to determine what will be necessary to meet our obligations. It is the goal of the Merrimack Police Department to anticipate and prevent problems, to look at innovative solutions, and respond to issues with fairness, sensitivity, and compassion.

As a community-oriented Police Department, we are always looking for ways to interact with our community and we recognize that our mission is and will continue to be service to the Merrimack community. The Merrimack Police Department members thank the Town Manager, Town Council, Town staff, and most of all, the citizens, for their continued support during the calendar year 2006. We take great pleasure in serving you and welcome visits to **YOUR** police station and the department's **new** web site at www.merrimackpd.org.

Lists of programs for your review are submitted with the report.

School-Based Partnership Program

- Reading programs at James Mastricola Elementary, Reeds Ferry Elementary, and Thorntons Ferry Elementary helps bring together the Police Department with elementary-aged youngsters.
- Active partnership with James Mastricola Upper Elementary in our D.A.R.E. Program
- Merrimack High School/School Resource Officer has an active participation in developing innovative approaches to maintain a non-violent school environment and reducing problems.

Community Based Partnership Program

- Department Community Service Officers coordinate programs for local businesses and members of the public pertaining to their personal safety. Group discussions are held with community members assisting with problem-solving techniques. In addition, this officer actively participates in Crimeline – the Merrimack Crime Watch program and the Citizen Police Academy.
- Uniformed Police Officers are involved in Direct Patrol for businesses and homeowners and coordinate the Officer Appraisal program for information exchange between the Police and residents.

Table of Organization

Chief of Police

William F. Mulligan

Patrol – Commanders

Deputy Chief Paul V. Stavenger – Patrol Commander

Captain Mark E. Doyle – Assistant Patrol Commander

Patrol – Shift Supervisors

Lt. Lawrence Westholm, Lt. Brian Boulay, Lt. Richard Desmond, Sgt. John Maille,
Sgt. Paul Trepaney, Sgt. Daniel Edmonds, and Sgt. Paul Poirier

Patrolmen

Ofc. Michael Murray (School Resource Officer), Ofc. Ronald Levierge, Ofc. Eric Marquis,
Ofc. Dennis Foley, Ofc. Thomas Prentice, Ofc. Carl Scott, Ofc. Christopher Dowling,
Ofc. John Dudash, Ofc. Kenneth Macleod, Ofc. Edward Pane, Ofc. Daniel Lindbom,
Ofc. Theodore Dillon, Ofc. James Sullivan, Ofc. Joseph Goodridge, Ofc. Gregory Walters,
Ofc. Robert Kelleher, Ofc. Sean Cassell, and Ofc. Brian Levesque

Animal Control Unit

Michael Marcotte – Animal Control Officer

Elizabeth Fraser – Part-time Animal Control Officer

Special Police Officers

S/O William McGowan, S/O William Vandersyde, S/O David Mercer, S/O Richard McKenzie,
S/O John Demyanovich, S/O Timothy St. Cyr, S/O Richard Bergeron, S/O Christopher Spillane,
S/O John Pelletier, S/O Michael Marcotte, S/O Sean McGuire, and S/O Nicholas Cameron

School Crossing Guards

Roy Ingerson, Ken Stimson Sr., and Arthur Ducharme

Criminal Investigation Unit

Det./Lt. Michael Dudash – Unit Commander

Det. Scott Park, Det. Dean Killkelley, Det. Denise Roy, Juv./Det. Ken Stimson,
and Det. Matthew Tarleton

Administrative Services Division

Captain Michael Milligan – Unit Commander

Lt. Peter Albert – Prosecutor, Officer Walter Kwiecinski – Community Service Officer,

Jennifer Lavigne – Office Manager, Judy York – Records,

Holly Estey – Secretary to the Detective Unit, Karen Costello – Records,

Kathleen King (part-time) – Records, and Karen Bennett (part-time) – Records

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division of the Merrimack Police Department is comprised of professional law enforcement officers dedicated to working in partnership with the residential and business community of Merrimack to fight crime, reduce fear, and improve the quality of life.

Our Mission Statement sums up our Officer's commitment to the Citizens of Merrimack: *"Our primary mission is to enforce the laws of society, maintain order within the community, protect life and property, and to assist the public at large in a manner consistent with the rights and dignity of all persons as provided for by the law under the constitution of the United States and the State of New Hampshire."* We believe strongly in our philosophy, *"Service to the Community/Commitment to Excellence."* Your Police Department will continue to work hard to meet these goals and provide the highest level of service.

Your Patrol Division patrols the Town of Merrimack 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. The principles upon which we base our policing are rooted in our belief that the protection of human life is our highest priority. We will demonstrate integrity and honor in all of our actions. Our efforts to address neighborhood problems will be based on forming a partnership with the community. We look forward to the future and to serving the citizens of Merrimack in every way we can.

During 2006, your Police Department responded to 25,961 requests for police service.

Request for Service by Beats

	2004	2005	2006
Beat #1	3,167	3,219	6,842
Beat #2	3,958	3,704	6,052
Beat #3	3,499	3,687	7,181
Beat #4	1,957	2,206	5,010
Other			876

Request for Service by Time of Day

	2004	2005	2006
0700 – 1500	5,477	5,321	11,516
1500 – 2300	4,755	5,240	10,429
2300 – 0700	2,349	2,255	4,016
	12,581	12,816	25,961

Other Police Activity

	2004	2005	2006
Ambulance Assists	1,062	815	665
Bomb Threats	3	3	1
Fire Department Assists	790	591	806
Animal Complaints	698	590	592
Missing Persons	53	42	20
House Checks	485	232	340
Unsecured Premises	295	189	212
Good Morning Calls	2,505	2,000	3,504
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	416	237	358
Burglar Alarms	799	732	680

	Offenses	
	2005	2006
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	0	12
Alcohol Offenses	37	51
Arson	1	1
Assault - Aggravated	3	1
Assault - Criminal Threatening	25	24
Assault - Simple	87	108
Burglary - Business	13	11
Burglary - Dwelling	20	19
Counterfeiting	2	3
Criminal Mischief	386	509
Disorderly Conduct	270	180
Domestics	245	203
Forgery	4	2
Fraud	97	74
Homicide	0	0
Juvenile	24	30
Kidnapping	1	1
M/V Theft	16	11
Narcotics Offenses	55	116
O.U.I.L.	74	44
Prostitution	0	0
Robbery	2	2
Sex Offenses	15	2
Stolen Property	4	3
Theft	282	208
Weapons Offenses	38	31

Motor Vehicle Accident Summary

	2004	2005	2006
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0
Personal Injury Accidents	146	101	56
Property Damage Accidents	620	563	511
Non-Investigated Accidents	14	37	19
	776	701	586

Motor Vehicle Enforcement Summary

	2004	2005	2006
Motor Vehicle Summons	1066	640	736
Parking Enforcement	24	47	15
Traffic Warnings Issued	1847	1755	1898
Defective Equipment Tags Issued	291	519	688

“Drive Defensively at all Times”
Traffic Accident Occurrence and Timeframe During 2006

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	=	279
3:00 PM – 11:00 PM	=	256
11:00 PM – 7:00 AM	=	51
Total		586

The following is the first report from a program born in our Five-Year Strategic Plan. The original plan called this program a POP Unit or (Problem Oriented Policing) Unit. The program implemented is called the C.O.P.S. Program for Community Oriented Policing.

C.O.P.S. Program Concept

On any given day, you can review our department’s roll call and note items of interest put in by various officers of our department. Oftentimes, items placed in roll call are the result of crimes that were previously investigated. The investigating officer is looking for leads and/or requests a Directed Patrol to a certain location, asking sector officers to pay particular attention to a certain problem area; for example, a neighborhood or condo development that has been getting burglarized or experiencing a high number of thefts. However, too many times after the items are placed in roll call and Directed Patrols are handed out that ends the matter for the investigating officer and he moves on to another case.

This is where the C.O.P.S. Unit concept comes into play. The Unit acts as an extension of the already implemented Directed Patrol. If an officer investigating a particular crime identifies a suspect or problem area which may call for high visibility, plain clothes, or long-term attention, he obtains as much information as possible about the problem, develops a plan of attack, and calls upon the C.O.P.S. Unit for assistance. Together, an operational plan is developed and initiated. All efforts are made to get the sector or investigating officer involved in the development of how the investigation should be handled, the best method of deployment, and the actual carrying out of the investigation. With the assistance of this proactive Unit stressing aggressive enforcement, intelligence gathering, and flexibility, the sector officer is now able to identify the problem, create a solution, and see the investigation through to fruition.

The C.O.P.S. Unit has been operating just over *six* months now and based on its success, it has proven to be a very a unique and effective training source for not only our new officers but for our veteran officers as well. Each officer assigned so far has learned how to write Search Warrants, and their Supporting Affidavits, utilize the undercover transmitters and wires, and conduct standing and moving surveillance. Each officer assigned has received their own One Party Consent to monitor both phone calls and body wires from the appropriate County Attorney and is familiar with the department’s utilization and documentation of C.I.s (Confidential Informants).

In addition to the training aspect, the Unit has worked directly with the Criminal Bureau assisting with a number of investigations and has located suspects and witnesses in multiple criminal cases. The Unit also continues to assist the Uniform Patrol Division on a daily basis working as an extension of the division.

The C.O.P.S. Unit has developed some major cases since its inception. Officers assigned have written and executed **10** Search Warrants and seized the following approximates:

- 3 lbs. Marijuana
- 3 oz. Cocaine
- ¼ oz. Crack Cocaine
- 205 Methamphetamine Ecstasy Pills
- 30 Hits of LSD
- Stolen 22 cal. Handgun (Seized from 16yr old juvenile w/Marijuana/Ecstasy)
- \$3,794 U.S. currency (pending forfeiture)

Thus far, the Unit has made a total of **67** Adult arrests and **16** Juvenile arrests. (See attached). Presently, we have **5** Open felony cases in which we will be making arrest in the near future.

School Resource Officer's Report

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is primarily responsible for working within the school system as a law enforcement officer. His role also involves promoting a safe and drug-free environment while building positive relationships between students, faculty, and the police. The SRO must be motivated to work with youth and have the ability to gain the respect of adolescents and teenagers while holding them accountable for their actions. The SRO must have the unique ability to perform the functions of a law enforcement officer, educator, and counselor while becoming an integral member of the school community.

Activity	2004	2005	2006
Accident Reports	0	0	6
Arrests	14	6	13
Assaults	10	2	8
Calls for Service	312	355	327
Court Appearances	7	3	5
Criminal Mischief	3	6	9
Drugs Confiscated	0	1	5
Incident Reports	42	49	58
Possession of Tobacco Products	19	24	20
Racial Incidents	0	0	0
Theft Reports MV/Other	3	11	24
Weapons Confiscated	4	13	10

Educational	2004	2005	2006
Agency Referrals	9	4	4
Classroom Lectures	13	50	38
Counseling Session w/Parents	69	62	103
Counseling Sessions w/Students	266	322	259
Hearings: Suspension/Expulsion	0	0	0
Meetings Attended	13	35	40
Meetings/Contacts With Juvenile Service Officer	11	22	37
Professional Development Programs	4	0	0
School Events Attended	18	28	19
Truancy	0	0	8

Animal Control Officer's Report

	2004	2005	2006
Abates Served	18	12	20
Bites Reported	34	20	25
Cats Miscellaneous	13	13	24
Cruelty Reports	20	18	15
Dogs Adopted	1	1	0
Dogs Impounded	60	82	60
Dogs Released to Animal Rescue League	1	6	2
Dogs Released to Owners	58	75	57
Nuisance Offense	95	56	42
Running at Large	316	325	270
Stray Farm Animals	8	10	9
Summons Served	106	107	71
Vicious Offense	14	16	20
Wildlife Calls	213	257	190

Prosecutor's Report

Motor Vehicle Activity

	2005	2006
Speed	100	112
Uninspected	12	6
Unregistered	25	20
Financial Responsibility	10	16
Revocation/Suspension	46	41

Motor Vehicle Activity (CONT.)

O.U.I.L.	62	48
No Valid License	34	28
Stop Sign	3	5
Traffic Light	8	6
Solid Line	5	3
School Bus Violations	4	2
Change of Address	1	0
Parking Violations	1	4
Reckless Operation	15	14
Miscellaneous Violations	114	110

Criminal Activity

	2005	2006
Animal Complaints	19	2
Assault / Reckless Conduct	75	65
Bad Checks	0	4
Criminal Mischief	17	39
Criminal Trespass	13	10
Disorderly Conduct	38	18
Drug Cases	69	89
Miscellaneous	13	10
Possession of Alcohol	81	50
Resisting Arrest	17	9
Sex Offenses	0	4
Theft	81	39

Felonies

Indicted by Grand Jury	39	42
Probable Cause	18	33

Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigation Unit for the Merrimack Police Department continues to be very busy as the make-up of the Town continues to change. The area population continues to grow and with that we see an increase in the seriousness of the crimes that we investigate. The division continues to support the patrol division, who has the primary duty to answer emergencies in a timely fashion. The detective division investigates crimes and cases that are sensitive in nature, are time-intensive, and frequently lead the department outside its jurisdiction. The division works on a daily basis outside of the Merrimack jurisdiction. The motto "Criminals have no boundaries" stands true. This Unit has investigated crimes connected in every state in this union and now sees crimes connected with other countries. The major reason for this increase is frauds. One example of these frauds is when citizens are mailed a "bogus check" and told they are winners of a game. They are asked to cash the check and send the balance to a fictitious person/address. These scams lead investigators to other states and countries; such as South Africa, Russia, Canada, and the popular "Nigeria Scam". Remember, "if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is!" The division urges the citizens to contact the police department before depositing anything into their accounts and mailing out money to somebody they do not know.

The major investigations range from major thefts/embezzlement cases to aggravated assaults. The division has taken pride that it had successfully cleared several high-profile cases during the year. These cases included arson on Old Blood Road. The result was the arrest of two local men who allegedly threw a "Molotov Cocktail" that burned a house to the ground. A major "Chop Shop" was discovered and a Massachusetts man arrested, and a diligent investigator who would not give up cleared a year-old \$20,000 burglary at Merrimack High School.

The Criminal Investigation Unit consists of five detectives and a detective lieutenant, who serves as the Unit commander. Three of the detectives are assigned to criminal investigations. These are cases that typically deal with adults that have committed part 1 crimes; i.e., thefts, assaults, robberies, burglaries, frauds, and sexual assaults. One of the three criminal detectives has been given the added responsibility to monitor unlawful drug activity within the Town. This detective then works closely with the newly created C.O.P.S. Unit to thoroughly investigate these activities. Another detective is strictly assigned to investigate all juvenile-related offenses. These investigations include delinquent acts (crimes committed by juveniles) and C.H.I.N.S. (children that need services, such as, behavioral areas). The fifth detective, who once worked strictly narcotics, has now been assigned other tasks due to a heavy caseload in prosecution and juvenile. This detective will now prosecute all juvenile cases, which will allow the juvenile detective to spend more time on his investigations. This detective has been assigned to be the liaison to the County attorney cases on all felonies, handle all Child Advocacy Center (CAC) interviews, and will assist the prosecuting lieutenant.

NIU (Narcotics Investigation Unit)

The year 2006 continues where 2005 left off. The Narcotics Unit, with assistance of the COPS Unit, is working very hard in the fight against drugs. Merrimack is starting to see inner-city dealers that have been pushed out of the cities and into the suburbs. These dealers feel comfortable in smaller towns. The department needs your help to combat this type of activity. We urge the citizens of Merrimack to report anything they feel is suspicious. The littlest detail could be the break we are looking for.

In my 2005 annual report, I warned the people of Merrimack of the fight against Methamphetamine; a powerful central nervous system stimulant, which has become the drug of choice in the West and Midwest states. I set training as a goal for both the Police and Fire department. I am pleased to announce that both departments have cohosted classes in this area.

Drug Arrests

January

Possession Control Drug

3

February

Possession w/intent/sell

1

Possession Control Drug

8

Possession Narcotic Drug

3

March

Possession Control Drug

8

Possession Narcotic Drug

3

Possession in a m/v

1

April

Possession Control Drug

3

May

Possession Control Drug

6

Possession in a m/v

2

June

Possession Control Drug

12

Possession in a m/v

5

Possession w intent/sell

4

July

Possession Control Drug

12

Possession in a m/v

5

Possession w intent/sell

4

August

Possession Control Drug

7

Possession Narcotic Drug

2

Possession w/intent/sell

1

Poss. unlawful prescription

1

Possession in a m/v

3

September

Possession Control Drug

4

Possession Narcotic Drug

2

Possession in a m/v

2

Poss. unlawful prescription

1

October

Possession Control Drug

6

Possession Narcotic Drug

6

Possession in a m/v

5

Possession w intent/sell

3

Poss. unlawful prescription

1

November

Possession Control Drug

5

Possession Control Drug

5

Possession with intent/sell

6

December

Possession Control Drug

3

Possession Narcotic Drug

1

Poss. unlawful prescription

1

Juvenile Division

One of the busiest divisions in the department is our juvenile officer. During the past few years, we added duties onto the position, including prosecuting the cases. We found that this was too much for one person to handle. With Chief Mulligan's approval, the juvenile officer has returned back to his original duties as an investigator. It was not unusual to have the detective in court for two days or more. One of the detectives who primarily investigated narcotics is now assigned as the full-time juvenile prosecutor and assists with all CAC interviews. CAC, which is in its third year, is located in Nashua and handles all sexual or physical abuse cases involving minor children. Since January 2006, the center has conducted 21 forensic interviews (Merrimack cases) with potential victims. This is a very difficult job to perform and the center has saved hundreds of hours for the division while minimizing the trauma to the victim.

Administrative Services Division

“Service to the Community”

“Commitment to Excellence”

The Merrimack Police Department has, over the years, instituted many community-policing programs that have helped make our agency one of the state's finest. Our Chief, William Mulligan, has pledged to continue our community outreach programs and continue to strive to serve the community of Merrimack in the very best way we can.

Available Community Service Programs

Neighborhood Crime Watch	Bicycle Safety
Stranger Awareness	School Bus Safety
Child Abuse	Highway Safety
Theft and Shoplifting	Emergency Response and Liability
Home and Business Security Surveys	Babysitter Safety
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Halloween Safety
“Operation House Check”	Station Tours
“Good Morning” Program	“Operation Identification”
Rape Awareness/Self-Defense	Child Safety Seat Loan Program
“Operation Safe Return”	“Disconnect the Violence”
Child Safety Seat Check-Point	Citizen's Police Academy

How We Kept Busy During 2006

Our Community Policing also offers a wide variety of programs to the public. This past year, the Merrimack Police Department offered seminars in Internet Safety and Awareness, Project Safeguard, Woman's Self-Defense and Rape Awareness, Home Security and Neighborhood Watch Programs, and Senior Scams and Fraud. Also, we are able to offer to the public the

opportunity to have a car seat checked for proper installation or assist in the installation of a new car seat. We also participated with AARP with their 55 Alive Driver Safety Program.

We continued our reading program with the 1st - 3rd graders and spoke with elementary grade students and pre-schools regarding 911, stranger danger, and consequences for your actions. We participated with the Junior High and High School students in Project Safeguard teaching Internet Safety and making available DWI glasses. These glasses simulate impairment and show the student the effects of drinking and driving. We have also assisted the High School in their discussions on Search and Seizure and the judicial process in court.

In addition to participating in our schools, we also work with other organizations within the community. We participated in various events around our community, such as the Library Festival. We coordinated the Senior Fair at the Adult Community Center this fall and we fingerprinted children during breakfast with Santa, which was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We continue to serve on the board of Crimeline as well as the Drug Advisory Council, to name a few.

Each year, we host our annual Open House where the community can come to the police station and visit various displays and tour **your** Police Department. We also host a Halloween Fun Day at Wasserman Park where the community is invited to share in a fun family day.

The Merrimack Police Department is also proud to note that the 9^h session of our acclaimed "Citizen's Police Academy" graduated this past fall. That brings the number of graduates of our Academy to approximately 140 citizens. Our Citizen's Academy program allows the citizens of Merrimack an opportunity to learn more about their Police Department and all it has to offer as well as an opportunity to become more familiar with the officers that serve their needs. The Academy classes currently run once each year in the fall.

Career Development

The Merrimack Police Department continues to make training a high priority. It has been shown that a well-trained police force is directly linked to professionalism. It is our goal to continue to present to the community a well-trained and professional staff.

The New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council has been our primary source for training, however, other outside agencies have supplemented training resources, although the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (PRIMEX) has provided a number of in-service training sessions, including the Supervisor's Academy.

Officer Training Hours 2006

Month	Hours
January	552
February	394
March	575.75
April	640
May	624
June	48
July	32
August	176
September	384
October	198
November	339
December	60
Total Hours of Training	4,022.75

These figures do not include such training as Intoxilyzer re-certification and other re-certification as required by the state, such as Firearms and Use of Force training. Intoxilyzer re-certification was 63 hours and each officer was required to qualify and train with his or her service weapon and, in some cases, with a rifle. The total for those hours was 783. Taser training was also covered, and 128 hours of in-house Taser training was administered. In-house roll call training, which is training given to each squad by their respective squad commanders and usually occurs prior to their shift, was approximately 50 hours. Every officer, including part-time officers, complied with the state-mandated minimum training requirements.

Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center

2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Police Captain and Administrative Services Commander Mark E. Doyle

The Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center continued to provide outstanding service to the community with a caring, comforting, and professional staff of supervisors and public safety communications specialists. It has been a rewarding year in communications as the center has continued to move forward. Several equipment upgrades have been completed to allow our staff the opportunity to work in the region's finest center with the latest technology and for that we are grateful. Anticipated upgrades include the installation of a new Alarm Panel Monitoring System, as well as the completed installation of the new "Voting" system for our radio system. The system has enhanced our radio coverage and provides better communications to the personnel we serve. We also installed an upgraded telephone system which joins with the system in place at the Town's government offices.

There have been several personnel changes, including two resignations. Testing for the new positions brought us three new dispatchers (two full-time and one part-time.) We strive to provide a professional setting and quality communications center for our employees and quality service to the Town of Merrimack. Our staff is made up of hardworking specialists and they are led by two veteran supervisors, who have been instrumental in moving the Division forward in terms of technology and responsiveness to the communities' needs. The Town of Merrimack can be assured that when emergency services are needed, a staff of well-trained and professional specialists is there to assist in any way they can. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

I wish to thank Police Chief William Mulligan, Fire Chief William Pepler, and all of our department heads for their continued support. I also wish to thank the newly-appointed Town Council, Town Manager, and department heads for their continued support, which allows us to operate at the level expected by the citizens of Merrimack.

Just a quick word regarding 9-1-1. We strongly encourage everyone who has an emergency situation to dial 9-1-1. Remember; stay on the line with the 9-1-1 operator until they tell you that it is OK to hang up! Thank you, Merrimack, and be safe.

Activity During 2006

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Alarms Answered	732	676
Good Morning Calls	2000	3504
Fingerprint Requests	206	229

Public Safety Dispatch Center Staff

Assistant Supervisors: Michele Dudash and John Spence

Dispatchers: Amanda Douzanis, James Connelly, Erika DeWyze, Michael Piccolo, Timothy St. Cyr, Shannan Vital, Stacy Wynn (part time), Karen Stys (part time), and Emmanuel Marcel (part time)

Department of Public Works 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Director of Public Works and Engineering Edward L. Chase, P.E.

The Department of Public Works had a very productive year in 2006. The Mother's Day flood in 2006 created damage to a number of Town roads, parks, a pedestrian bridge, and 500-feet of sanitary sewer. Public Works staff responded to restore the damaged infrastructure, coordinating efforts with FEMA and NHDOT in order to maximize the amount of federal funding for our losses.

Given the expiration of the EPA Wastewater Permit in June 2006, a number of improvements to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant were required in order to comply with the new EPA Wastewater discharge parameters. Plans and contract documents were prepared for Phase I improvements to the plant. Following the public bid period, a construction contract for approximately \$4.6 million was approved, with funding from the Sewer Surplus (no impact on property taxes). This project is scheduled for completion by September 2007.

Administration/Engineering Division

- Administered construction contracts for drainage improvements/paving of the Baboosic Lake/Halletts Way Area, and Phase I Wastewater Upgrades
- Managed the contract for expansion of the Recycling Building
- Administered engineering contracts for Route 3 sidewalk, Bedford Road bridge, Route 3/Columbia Circle intersection, Route 3/Henry Clay Drive intersection, Tinker Road reconstruction, and sanitary sewer interceptor rehabilitation
- Technical advisor to the Merrimack Planning Board
- Coordinated the activities/reporting for the EPA Phase II Storm Water Regulations
- Published "2006 Construction Standards" for Town roads, storm drainage, sanitary sewer, and other infrastructure items
- Managed the G.I.S. Program for the Town

Highway Division

The Highway Division is responsible for maintaining over 160 miles of local roadways and fourteen bridges. Duties of the Highway Division include snow removal and ice control, roadside maintenance, pavement maintenance, drainage maintenance, road and drainage construction, bridge maintenance, supervision of contract work, inspection services, and many other miscellaneous tasks that crop-up Town wide throughout the year.

Specific accomplishments for 2006 include:

- More than 3,000 man hours were spent providing emergency service during and making repairs after the May flooding. Tasks included delivering sand to residents for sandbags, assisting in the evacuation of Island Pond Road, monitoring and closing roads, and repairing the damage caused by the flooding.
- Developed specifications and plans and managed construction of 400 feet of Bedford Road that was washed out during the May floods
- Cleaned and inspected more than 650 catch basins (25% of basins Town wide)
- Graded and maintained the Town's 24 gravel roads
- Completed Town wide roadside mowing and tree trimming to improve line of sight for motorists and open up street/regulatory signs
- Striped all crosswalks, stop bars, lane dividers, and marked 70% of the catch basin locations
- Cleaned up roadside litter in the spring, fall, and post-holiday season
- Set up and cleaned apparatus for two elections at each of the three voting locations
- Provided labor to other divisions as needed including Solid Waste Disposal, Equipment Maintenance, and Wastewater including utilizing the Department's wood chipper to dispose of Christmas trees at the Transfer Station, and repairing a water leak at Greely Street for Wastewater
- Managed contractor street sweeping operations Town wide and performed smaller sweeping operations as needed
- Constructed concrete block retaining wall at the intersection of Baboosic Lake Road and Hancock Lane to improve sight distance
- Managed contractor resurfacing of 11 miles of road on 20 streets

- Performed shoulder leveling (shoulder gravel) operations on the newly paved roads and other areas as needed
- Performed maintenance on the Town's 16 bridges and Stump Pond Dam including brush/tree removal and washing winter deicing materials from concrete surfaces
- Maintained beaver screens at Naticook Road, Lyons Road, and Mast Road to keep drainage functioning
- Performed traffic control services for Highway Division contractors
- Assisted with the Town auction activities
- Implemented a new service request program in June and received more than 200 service requests from June to December
- Implemented a recycling program at the Highway garage for plastic bottles, aluminum cans, mixed paper, and newspaper
- Issued and inspected the work from 53 Right-of-Way Permits to contractors requiring work in the Town Rights of Way
- Inspected for and granted 40 Certificates of Occupancy
- Inspected nine active subdivision projects being constructed by developers to assure quality construction methods and complying with Town standards
- Managed the contracted drainage improvements along Baboosic Lake Road from Halletts Way to Pilgrim Avenue
- Managed the pavement marking contract, painting all yellow lines in Town (570,844 LF) and ½ of the white lines (181,470 LF)
- Held weekly safety training meetings
- Continued participation in the UNH Technology Transfer Center training program. Progress in this program is classified by four achievement levels: Roads Scholar I, Roads Scholar II, Senior Roads Scholar, and Master Roads Scholar. The following Highway Division employees have achieved certificates as follows: **Roads Scholar I** – Robert Burley, Steven Curtis, Scott Daley, Robert Golemo, Daniel Ketchie, Dean Stearns, John Trythall; **Roads Scholar II** – Ernie Doucette, Larry Gay, Leonard Heath, Jason Kimball, Wayne Lombard; **Senior Roads Scholar** – Robert Lovering, Joseph Maguire; **Master Roads Scholar** – Bruce Moreau, Jeffrey Strong

- Performed drainage repairs/improvements Town wide including addition of catch basins at Cabot Road, Star Drive, and Woodbury Street; swale repairs at Beaver Brook Road, Bean Road, Carter Road, and Webb Drive; and culvert repairs at Abbey Road and Deer Run

Parks Maintenance Division

The Parks Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining four town parks, four cemeteries, two boat ramps, approximately 50 acres of athletic field, the grounds of three municipal facilities, and other Town open spaces. The division has five full-time staff and six seasonal temporary workers. We also administer the Operation BrightSide summer youth employment program, which is funded by a grant from Anheuser-Busch. Additionally, we receive many hours of volunteer labor, for which we are very grateful.

A good deal of what we do is seasonal and often highly weather dependant. The record-breaking rains in November of 2005, and again in March of 2006, coupled with the flooding in April, greatly affected the early part of our year, particularly in the area of athletic program support and turf maintenance. We appreciate the forbearance of those affected.

Parks Maintenance, like many other Town divisions, pitched in during the first two weeks following the Mother's Day flood helping the Highway Division in its 24/7 effort to reopen roads, and help residents mitigate flood damage. As soon as we could, we began cleaning and securing flood-damaged parks and other areas for which we are responsible. Almost all of the areas for which we are responsible were damaged in some way, but Twin Bridge Park suffered the worst damage. The heavy rain and high water took out the entire trail system along Baboosic Brook, in one place scouring a hole 15' by 30' by 5' deep. The flood also wrecked one of the two bridges across the brook, effectively closing the end of one trail until further notice. Other than this one place, the rest of the trail system has been entirely rebuilt, and we are actively weighing our options to replace the destroyed bridge.

Despite the extraordinary weather, and in addition to our normal maintenance duties, Parks Maintenance accomplished the following projects during 2006:

- We reestablished two picnic areas at Veterans Memorial Park by taking out the old, broken picnic tables, and replacing them with new tables that were built last winter. We also removed windfalls and the brush that had crept into the picnic areas. Some of the old picnic tables can be rehabilitated which we intend to do this winter, time permitting.
- We have effectively finished the Twardosky Field improvement project started two years ago with the addition of 390' of fencing to keep cars from driving on the fields, and a stone farmer's wall to restrict vehicular access to lawn areas.

- The ice rinks on O’Gara Drive were rebuilt with a new plastic liner and protective layer of sand.
- Parks Maintenance assisted in the Watson Park dedication cleanup. We placed the foundation for the two planter boxes along Daniel Webster Highway, filled sinkholes, cleared debris and mowed part of the grassy area, repaired the fence, and created a 30’ by 60’ stone dust picnic area along the river.
- This year’s Operation BrightSide projects included painting the fence at the Veterans Memorial Park west entrance, and painting and repairing the bulletin board at the Island Drive Boat Ramp that had been damaged when it was washed away during the Mother’s Day flood. BrightSide’s major project was to mitigate the encroachment of exotic invasive plants in Merrimack’s parks and other open spaces. It is estimated that exotic invasive species cover more than 100 million acres, costing the American economy 11 billion dollars annually. Merrimack is not immune to their damage. BrightSide entirely removed exotics from the Depot Street Boat Ramp and Twin Bridge Park. In addition, they removed over one acre of invasive Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*) from the Horse Hill Nature Preserve.
- Parks Maintenance was asked to help the Highway Division in their rebuilding of the Joppa Road extension by planting trees in the right-of-way at Turkey Hill Road to more rapidly assimilate drivers to the new road layout and increase safety during the transition period. Relatively large trees were chosen because they would become an instantly noticeable visual barrier. The chosen variety was the Yoshino Flowering Cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis* ‘Yoshino’). This variety is not commonly used today despite having a connection with our nation’s capitol; it is the same variety of tree that lines the Potomac River tidal basin in Washington, D.C.
- We collaborated with the Heritage Commission in erecting signs at the Thornton, Reed’s Ferry, and Reed’s Graveyards. Parks Maintenance specified the signs, poured concrete foundations, and mortared the granite posts into place. The materials for this project were totally funded by the Heritage Commission.
- Parks Maintenance was pleased to assist two Boy Scouts with their Eagle Award projects. Robert Frost built a kiosk to the Town’s standard design, and placed it at the Amherst Road parking lot for Horse Hill Nature Preserve. Robert also landscaped the area around the kiosk with wood chips and shrubs. Scott Shidlovsky also built a standard design kiosk. Scott’s kiosk and landscaping installation are at the site of the Old Meeting House on Turkey Hill Road. His kiosk will be used for Heritage Commission signage outlining the history of the Meeting House and cemetery.

- This year, Parks Maintenance again coordinated the planting of the park entrance planter boxes by the Merrimack Garden Club. The Garden Club again took full responsibility for designing the plantings and maintaining them throughout the summer. In my opinion, the Garden Club's designs become stronger each year, as they add colorful curb appeal to our parks.

Next year, our long-term improvement program will continue to concentrate on improving maintenance efficiencies, promoting the donation of volunteer labor, standardizing the appearance of signage and hardscape elements, and rebuilding and expanding amenities, particularly for those seeking passive recreational opportunities.

Equipment Maintenance Division

Equipment Maintenance maintains and repairs a fleet of approximately 217 units. These units are assigned to fire, police, public works, and Town Hall departments as well as approximately 19 vehicles from the Merrimack Village District. Many of these units have extra mounted equipment, generating plants on fire equipment, sanders, and plows on public works equipment. Almost all have emergency lighting and warning systems. All these are installed and repaired by this division. We place emphasis on preventive work resulting in reduced breakdown and costly repairs. All emergency vehicles get a complete state inspection with every oil change to ensure response readiness. This preventive outlook also provides our equipment a longer lifespan. We recycle police vehicles after 110,000 to 120,000 miles and the vehicles are reassigned to work as transportation for various Town employees, i.e. the Town Manager, Fire Inspector, Building Inspector, and Park Supervisor.

In addition to providing regular maintenance and repairs, the following was accomplished:

- Rebuilt the roadway shoulder machine for the Highway Division
- Upgraded warning lights on the aerial lift bucket truck
- Set-up four new police cruisers with equipment, radios, and warning lights
- Upgraded two Fire Department vehicles with new emergency lights
- Performed 172 State inspections on Town vehicles
- Completed 4,410 repair orders on Town vehicles.
- Assisted Highway Division with May flooding and winter snowplowing duties

- Four mechanics received additional training on brakes; and five mechanics attended an Electrical Training seminar.

Building and Grounds Division

- Coordinated heating system upgrades: *Old* Town Hall was converted from oil to natural gas; *New* Town Hall and the Police station were converted from propane to natural gas. Also, two new gas furnaces were installed in the John O’Leary Adult Community Center
- Installed a new water line at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center
- Maintained buildings and grounds at the municipal office complex and Police Station
- Provided maintenance at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center
- Maintained the bandstand and grounds at Abbie Griffin Memorial Park
- Supported concerts and functions at Abbie Griffin Memorial Park, including the candlelight walk and Christmas tree lighting ceremony
- Plowed and sanded parking lots of the municipal complex, Police Station, Library, MYA building, and the John O’Leary Adult Community Center
- Maintained annual and perennial flower beds

Solid Waste and Recycling Division

The Transfer Station/Recycling Facility experienced another busy year. We collected and transported over 11,235 tons of municipal solid waste. We recycled approximately 1,850 tons of recyclables including cardboard, newspaper, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics, glass, mixed paper, and scrap metal. We also collected and composted approximately 4,000 yards of yard waste compost for distribution to residents and to be used as a supplement in topsoil used by the Highway Division. Other highlights are as follows:

- Completed expansion of existing recycling facility to better meet the needs of the public
- Continue to attend education training workshops to retain NHDES Solid Waste Operator’s certification
- Provided extended hours of operation during the summer months on Thursday evenings from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- In conjunction with Nashua Regional Planning Commission, provided five Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for residents.
- Processed approximately 700 tons of brush and tree debris generated by Merrimack residents at a cost of \$12,000
- Solid Waste Foreman Steve Doumas participated actively in the monthly marketing meetings at Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA). This is valuable as the Town strives to maximize its recycling revenues.

Wastewater Division

- The Merrimack Wastewater Treatment Facility treated over one billion gallons of wastewater with 98.6% removal of biochemical oxygen demand and 97.6% removal of suspended solids.
- We received and treated over six million gallons of septage from Merrimack and the communities of Hollis, Amherst, Brookline, Mt. Vernon, and Wilton for revenues of approximately \$300,000.
- The \$4.6 Million Phase 1 Upgrade Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant began in April 2006 and is well underway. These improvements will help to reduce offsite odors, provide future capacity for the Town, and bring us a step closer to full nutrient removal. Nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorous, are a concern for water quality in the Merrimack River and may become future discharge permit limits. These improvements were done in conjunction with Anheuser-Busch constructing and operating an anaerobic digester to treat their wastewater that, in turn, changed the characteristics of the wastewater coming to the Plant.
- A new fifteen-year wastewater agreement was signed in February with Anheuser-Busch, which includes a new rate structure, new wastewater discharge limits due to construction of the anaerobic digester, and is the basis for the revised Industrial User Permit.
- We have begun the investigative phase of the Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project that includes soil borings, vibration analysis, core samples of existing structures to analyze for composition, and video analysis of the pipe segments. With this information, plans and specifications will be developed to allow for the reconstruction/rehabilitation of existing manhole structures. This project involves approximately six miles of 24-48 inch diameter sewer pipe and 114 manhole structures, running northerly from the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility, along the railroad tracks. The original sewer interceptor was constructed in 1970-71, and serves as the main artery of the sewer collection system.

- We marketed 13,300 cubic yards of compost for revenues of approximately \$75,000. Of this total, 1,887 yards of compost were distributed to Merrimack residents and local contractors.
- We have undertaken an engineering study to determine needed upgrades to our main control building's heating and ventilation equipment, as well as a complete evaluation of our compost facility building, equipment, and computer control system.
- We hired an engineering firm to conduct a Rate Study to assure that the treatment facility has enough revenues for operations, maintenance, and to fund capital improvements.
- We composted dewatered sludge from the communities of Durham, Bristol, and Henniker for revenues of \$125,000.
- Due to the Mother's Day flood, we lost a major sewer line that serves the heart of Merrimack (Baboosic Lake Road., Town Hall, Masticola Schools, and the High School). Using the knowledge, skill, and innovation of the wastewater employees, our staff was able to set up a temporary bypass pump station. This enabled us to have the sewer project designed; with plans, specifications and competitive bids for construction of the failed sewer as well as creating suitable access for the future. Restoring gravity sewer service took less than three months and was on-line just prior to the schools reopening. At the Treatment Plant, our primary clarifiers filled with sand and grit and had to be taken off-line and cleaned. By working around the clock, wastewater staff had these tanks back in service in three days.
- The Industrial Pretreatment Program, administered by Roger Descoteaux, Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Manager, accomplished the following:
 - 1) Issued revised permit to Anheuser-Busch based on the new contract and discharge from the anaerobic digester
 - 2) Issued new permits to four Significant Industrial Users and over 60 permits to other sewer users including septic haulers
 - 3) Performed annual Grease Trap notification and inspection
 - 4) Conducted required industrial inspections and sampling throughout the year, as well as unannounced inspections and sampling to assure compliance with State, Federal, and Local laws and regulations
 - 5) Assisted in regulatory tracking and compliance with air, plant effluent, and compost regulations

- Wastewater Collection System administered by Don Hamel, Collections Systems Manager, accomplished the following:
 - 1) Cleaned and inspected several miles of sewer lines
 - 2) Rehabilitated several manhole structures in Town
 - 3) Restored access to part of the Sanitary Sewer Interceptor near the Treatment Plant that had washed away due to the Mother's Day flood
 - 4) Began implementation of the sewer portion of the Town's GIS program with the purchase of hardware and software. This program will enable us to easily access critical information to help in asset management of the system including future Capital Improvements
 - 5) Continued to review plans for proposed developments to verify compliance with Department of Public Works Construction Standards
 - 6) Helped oversee the construction of the Souhegan Sanitary Sewer Interceptor washed out during the Mother's Day flood
 - 7) Continued work on the Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (CMOM) Program. This program provides a framework for managing the collection system and is recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency in order to prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO)

Certification, Awards, Retirements, and Recognition:

- David Blaine, Plant Operator I – NHDES Grade I Certification
- Kevin Wilkins, Plant Operator I – NHDES Grade I Certification
- Lee Vogel, Maintenance Manager – International Maintenance Institute, Maintenance Technician Level III
- James Sheldon, Mechanic II – International Maintenance Institute, Maintenance Technician Level II
- Robert MacGrath, Mechanic II – International Maintenance Institute, Maintenance Technician Level II
- Cecil Peters, Plant Operator II – Completed the Water Environment Federation's Wet Weather Operations Course

- Dick Blanchard, Lab Manager – Successfully passed laboratory audit by NHDES to maintain State of New Hampshire certification

The following employees were recognized for time in service:

- James Sheldon, Mechanic II – 5 years
- Gary MacGrath, Equipment Operator III – 10 years

In addition, long-time employee James Dwire, Mechanic II, retired. Jim was employed with us at the treatment plant for 35 years and we will miss his knowledge and hard work as we go forward without him.

And lastly, the vacant Chief Operator position was filled with Leo Gaudette. Leo has 25 years of experience in the wastewater treatment industry and brings a wealth of knowledge to this job. We are very fortunate to have him on board.

Department of Public Works Staff

Administration and Engineering Division

Director of Public Works and Engineering Edward L. Chase, P.E.

Deputy Director of Public Works Engineering David C. Lent, P.E.

Executive Secretary Rebecca Starkey

Highway Division

Operations Manager Kyle Fox, P.E.

Secretary Vacant

Foremen Bruce W. Moreau and Jeff Strong

Equipment Operator III

Lawrence Gay and Robert Lovering

Equipment Operator II

Ernest Doucette and Leonard Heath

Equipment Operator I

Robert Burley, Stephen Curtis, Scott Daley,

Robert Golemo, Daniel Ketchie, Jason Kimball

Wayne Lombard, Joe Maguire, Dean Sterns,

Jacob Stevens, and John Trythall

Maintainer Michael Stack

Parks Division

Foreman Ernie Buck

Equipment Operator I

Louis LaPointe

Maintainer

Ken Vallancourt and Samuel Walker

Equipment Maintenance Division

Equipment Maintenance Foreman

Brian Fiolet

Mechanic II

Ronald Bergeron, Alan Buttrick,

and Robert Fisher

Mechanic I Michael McCann

Building & Grounds Division

Custodial Maintenance Supervisor

Philip Meschino

Custodial Maintenance Workers

Steven Cook, Nathan Latour, and

Ed Champagne

Transfer Station & Recycling Division

Solid Waste Foreman Steven Doumas

Scale Operator Lon Woods

Equipment Operator III

Paul Dube and Dennis Beauregard

Recycling Attendant

Paul Ford and Ian Robinson

Transfer Station Attendant Jeremy Trythall

Wastewater Division

Asst. Director of Public Works/Wastewater

James C. Taylor

Secretary Becky Sullivan

Chief Operator Leo Gaudette

Assistant Chief Operator Wayne Johnson

Maintenance Manager Lee Vogel

Sewer Inspector Donald Hamel

Laboratory Manager Richard Blanchard

Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Manager

Roger Descoteaux

Operator II/Lab Technician Cecil Peters

Equipment Operator III

John Adams, Donald Doucette, Dave Evans,

and Gary MacGrath

Operator II

Kevin Southwick

Operator I

David Blaine, Kevin Wilkins, and

Frank Shattuck

Mechanic II

James Dwire, Donald Lavoie, Robert

MacGrath, James Sheldon, and Lindsay

Wilson

Mechanic I Stephen Garczynski

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett

As in years past, the department continued activities that have been reported in prior reports such as scanning and archiving of permanent record materials, participating in the High School's work-to-learn program, taking advantage of educational opportunities, and of course, planning for the future needs of the department and looking at areas where we can improve customer service. Service demands and revenue and transaction trends continue to follow an upward pattern as the Town continues to grow and the number of residents increase.

The department underwent an upgrade of our computer system from a DOS-based version to a Windows version. One exciting aspect of this upgrade was the implementation in November of E-Reg, an on-line motor vehicle registration renewal program. Although in its early infancy in Merrimack, it appears to be quite successful with residents. Our vendor reported that during the first month, Merrimack had the third highest number of residents using the program of the thirty-four communities who offer the E-Reg program.

Changes in voter registration and election procedures were implemented as a result of HAVA (Help America Vote Act). This act was legislated by the Federal Government in 2000 and one of the requirements was for each state to develop a centralized statewide voter checklist. New software was introduced and all voter registration information is inputted to the centralized statewide voter database. The program was first used at the September Primary and was successful. Another change also implemented through HAVA, and used at the Primary, was a new voting machine for persons with disabilities. This equipment allows a disabled voter to vote completely unassisted using a touch-tone telephone and a fax machine.

A payment drop box was installed in early spring providing residents with a secure place to leave payments when the Town Hall offices are closed or when there are lines at the counter and they do not wish to wait. This also has been quite successful with items deposited in the box on an almost daily basis. Also installed during the year was compact movable shelving for the vault. The department had outgrown the vault as it was previously structured and experienced a space needs crisis. The installation of the shelving greatly alleviated the space needs as well as the safety issues previously identified due to the crowding.

The department began utilizing an outside vendor for our large mailings, such as the monthly motor vehicle renewal notices, delinquent tax notices, and dog license notices. Utilization of the vendor has resulted in savings in postage as we utilize their postal discounts and part-time help costs as outside help is no longer needed. It has also freed time for staff to work on other projects making the department more efficient.

Education and training remain an important aspect within the department. Congratulations go to deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Hall for completion of the New Hampshire Tax Collector certification program. Linda is slated to complete the New Hampshire Town Clerk certification program next year. I completed the certification program at the New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy, and all employees continue with various training.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the community, for your continued support. I would also like to thank the staff, Linda Hall, Janet Killpartrick, Nancy Deslauriers, Maureen Covell, Tammie Lambert, and our part-time tax helpers Ruth Liberty, Maureen Killpartrick, and Marge Petrovic for their continued hard work and dedication. Their efforts and contributions make the operations of the department and our service to you successful.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Staff

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Hall,
Account Clerk II Janet Killpartrick, Account Clerk II Nancy Deslauriers, Account Clerk II
Maureen Covell, Account Clerk II Tammie Lambert, Ruth Liberty, and Marge Petrovic

Watson Park Committee 2006 Annual Report

Submitted By Chairman Jackie Flood

Watson Park was dedicated on October 4, 2006, with about 150 townspeople and guests present to admire the new park and to thank Harold and Barbara Watson for their generous gift. A bronze plaque mounted on a boulder to commemorate the occasion was unveiled.

The Watson Park Committee, which is dedicated to protect the open spaces within the park for the people of Merrimack to enjoy, was organized in September of 2006. Its accomplishments include a fundraising effort, visibility at various functions and events to inform the citizens of the Town about the Park, applying for grants to examine the industrial foundations along the river, to build an overlook that will be handicapped accessible, and to stay in close touch with all aspects of the dam removal.

Current goals are to design the Park to include a connection to the Heritage Trail, picnic areas, a quiet area with gardens, a stairway to the river, and perhaps a river walk. A dog park and a tot play area are also in the plan and will be ready for approvals in 2007.

Watson Park Committee Members

Chairman Jackie Flood, Co-Chair Harold Watson, Richard Maloon, Connie Kreider, Ruth Roulx, Phil Straight, Town Council Representative – Chairman Dave McCray, and staff support by Bruce Moreau and Sherry Kalish

Welfare Department 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Welfare Administrator Patricia A. Murphy

Welfare Budget Overview

	<u>FY 03/04</u>	<u>FY 04/05</u>	<u>FY 05/06</u>
Reimbursements	\$ 12,997	\$ 24,876	\$ 32,401
Total Operating Budget	\$ 171,711	\$162,227	\$164,749
Health & Social Service Agencies	\$ 87,725	\$ 79,822	\$ 81,702
Client Expenditures:	\$ 42,063	\$ 56,252	\$ 58,639
Housing	\$ 36,880	\$ 41,969	\$ 46,279
Oil/Gas/Propane	\$ 710	\$ 643	\$ 3,211
Electricity	\$ 796	\$ 937	\$ 1,529
Food	\$ 430	\$ 256	\$ 235
Prescriptions	\$ 2,407	\$ 2,834	\$ 5,437
Other	\$ 840	\$ 7,015	\$ 248
Crisis Fund Donation Assistance		\$ 2,598	\$ 1,700

Summary and Highlights

The Welfare Department continued to experience rising expenditures due to the reduced affordable and subsidized housing market. Our heating expenditures were up due to the incredibly cold winter and the drastic increase in fuel costs, but donated funds from the **Sno-Buds** and **Lions Club** provided much-needed relief to residents who ran out of Fuel Assistance Funds. Prescription needs increased in 2006.

The Mother's Day Floods of May, 2006, provided challenges for the Town and many residents. Government and Private Citizens and Non-Profit Organizations pooled their resources to help residents. \$64,911.08 was donated to the **Lions Club** "Merrimack Flood Relief" of which 22 residents were given funds of \$64,896.08 as of 12/31/06.

Community organizations and private residents continue to be generous: the **Abbie Griffin Hospital Fund**; the Food Pantries of **Merrimack Riverside Christian Church**, **St. James Methodist Church** and **St. John Neumann Catholic Church**; the **Firefighter's Union** provided Heating Oil Fund and Thanksgiving Food Boxes; the **Rotary Club**, the **Sean A. Looney Athletic Memorial Fund**, the **Bear Christensen Trust** and **Merrimack Community Girl Scouts** funded Naticook Day Camp Scholarships; **Merrimack Friends and Families** provided assistance with Easter baskets, school supplies, and gifts for two families during the holiday season; the **Lioness Club** provided holiday assistance through Operation Santa to 35 families; the Santa Fund received a generous donation from **Dennis King** from his film profits; the **Rotary Club** provided Christmas trees to seven families; and the **IBPO Police Union** and **Girl Scout Troops** provided holiday food boxes.

Zoning Board of Adjustment 2006 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Richard W. Barry

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held eleven meetings between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2006.

Forty-seven cases for variances, special exceptions, requests for rehearing, and appeals of administrative decisions, were heard in 2006. This is compared to fifty-four cases in 2005, fifty-three cases in 2004, sixty-one cases in 2003, seventy-one cases in 2002, and fifty-one cases in 2001.

Summary of Petitions Adjudicated by Type and Resulting Action*

Variances	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Area	3	1	0
Yard Setbacks	7	9	0
Septic System Setbacks	2	1	0
Shoreland Protection District	1	0	1
Signs	1	2	0
Lot Regulations	2	1	0
Use	1	0	1
Special Exceptions			
Yard Setbacks	3	0	0
Use	1	1	0
Accessory Dwelling Unit	7	0	0
Telecommunication Towers	1	0	0
Other			
Appeals of Administrative Decisions	0	4	2
Request for Rehearing	3	3	1

Note: The Board declined to hear one case with seven variance petitions due to the petitioners' failure to show a material change in circumstances from their previous petitions before the Board.

*The number of petitions adjudicated by the Board exceeds the number of cases submitted. Certain cases contained multiple petitions.

At the Board's Annual Meeting on May 25, 2006, the Board reelected Richard Barry as Zoning Board Chairman and Tim Dutton as Zoning Board Vice-Chairman. The Board voted to amend the By-laws of the Zoning Board of Adjustment by changing all references of "Board of Selectmen" to "Town Council", and all references of "Administrative Officer" to "Planning and Zoning Administrator". In June, Ross Hall resigned from the Zoning Board after six years of service on the Board. There were two lawsuits pending against the Board as of December 31, 2006, from Turkey Hill Road Trust and Timothy E. and Judith Kesner.

Members of the Merrimack Zoning Board of Adjustment

Chairman Richard Barry, Vice-Chairman Timothy Dutton, William E. Barry, Stanley Bonislowski, and alternate members Ronald W. Douville, Gregory Roberts, and Phil Straight. Staff support is provided by Community Development Director Walter R. Warren, Planning and Zoning Administrator Diane F. Hardy (who vacated her position in August and was replaced in December by Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Larson), Planning and Zoning Assistant Stephen Laurin, Recording Secretary Zina Jordan, and the clerical staff of the Community Development Department.



Assessing Department

First Row: D. Irish, A. Whitney

Second Row: M. Rotast, T. Doherty, B. Purvis



Community Development Department

First Row: E. Gillis, C. Miner, J. Comer, S. McPhie

Second Row: C. Curran, S. Laurin, R. Thompson, W. Warren, D. Mark



Department of Public Works – Administration/Engineering
E. Chase, B.J. Starkey, D. Lent



Department of Public Works – Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenance
T. Shields, K. Fox, B. Friolet, L. Heath, S. Curtis, D. Stearns, E. Doucette, B. Burley,
A. Buttrick, B. Golemo, J. Stevens, J. Kimball, R. Bergeron, J. Trythall,
J. Maguire, B. Lovering, L. Gay



Department of Public Works – Park Maintenance
L. Lapointe, K. Vallancourt, E. Buck, S. Walker



Department of Public Works – Solid Waste
S. Dumas, D. Beaugard, L. Woods, I. Robinson, M. Stack, P. Ford, P. Dube



Department of Public Works – Wastewater Treatment Facility

First Row: D. Lavoie, D. Blanchard, S. Garczynski, D. Hamel, D. Evans

Second Row: K. Wilkins, R. Descoteaux, J. Sheldon, C. Peters, G. MacGrath, B. Sullivan

Third Row: F. Shattuck, D. Doucette, J. Adams, L. Wilson, W. Johnson, J. Taylor,
L. Vogel, K. Southwick



Finance Department

S. Degnan, J. Alicea, P. Micali, X. Carroll, B. DuLong



General Government Department

First Row: B. Cloutier, D. Courtemanche, M. Atwood, S. Beland

Second Row: M. Milligan, C. Miller, K. Hickey



Fire Department "A" Shift

First Row: W. Perkins, R. Ducharme, M. Bickford

Second Row: R. Todd, M. Akerstrom, S. Kimball, J. Chisholm, P. Kelly, B. Dubreuil



Fire Department "B" Shift

First Row: D. Newman, S. Brechtel, B. Pelrine

Second Row: B. Borneman, M. Duke, T. Dalton, B. McCarthy, K. Caron, S. Allison



Fire Department "C" Shift

First Row: K. Chambers, D. Joki, M. Kiernan

Second Row: B. Cornelius, B. Panit, N. Carr, Jr., R. Barrows, J. Marsella, S. Simpson



Fire Department "D" Shift

R. Pierson, M. Bechard, S. Bannister, G. Beland, R. Gagne, S. Farrell, D. Trepany,
J. Demyanovich, R. Hansen, Jr.



Fire Department "Call" Shift

First Row: C. Wyman, A. McAneny, T. Benoit, E. Pharo, J. Mayhew

Second Row: A. Stockhausen, J. Bailey, J. Glennon, M. Carrier, M. Comer

Absent from photo: R. Blanchette, M. Manuele



Library Staff

First Row: D. Covell, J. Conover, A. Estabrook

Second Row: J. Marston, D. Gavrish, J. Angus, E. Knowlton, L. Gilmore



Library Staff

M. Graham, N. Lane, D. Hastie, S. Wall



Library Staff

First Row: M. Bennett, D. LaBrosse, J. Stover, N. Vigezzi

Second Row: J. Segedy, M. Kidder



Library Staff

First Row: G. Dahl, S. Lippman, S. Trepanier, L. Mandela

Second Row: L. Thompsen, N. Bairmova, J. Loughlin, S. Meehan, P. Radwan, R. Spencer



Merrimack TV Staff and Volunteers at Election Night 2006

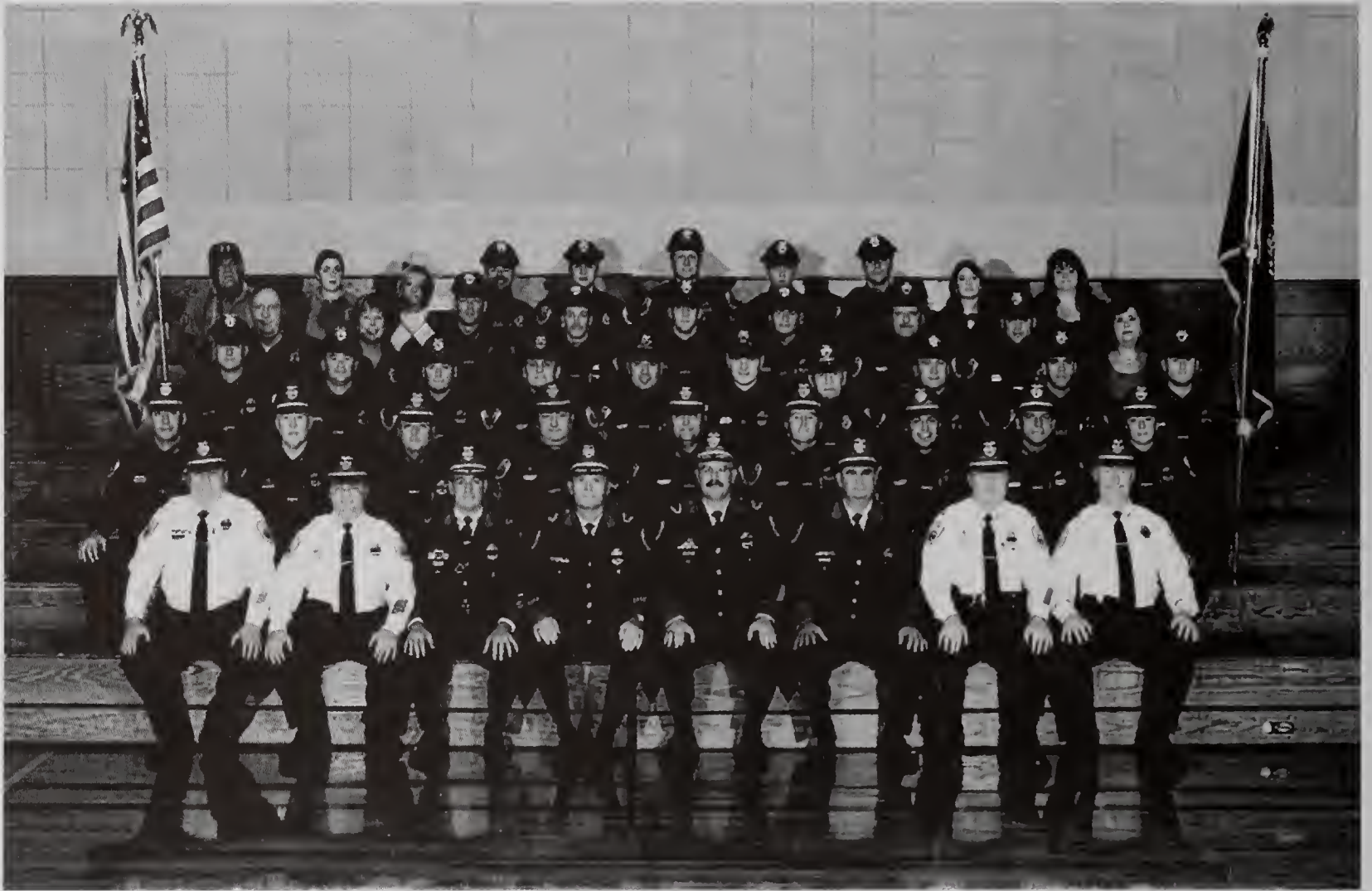
First Row: C. Perez, Z. Shappani

Second Row: S. Stevens, T. Stephanak, N. Lavallee, A. Paquette, S. Barreira



Parks and Recreation Department

B. Moreau, R. Sullivan, S. Kalish



Merrimack Police Department

First Row: R. Desmond, B. Boulay, M. Doyle, W. Mulligan, P. Stavenger, M. Dudash,
L. Westholm, P. Albert

Second Row: M. Tarleton, K. Stimson, Jr., S. Park, J. Maille, P. Trepaney, D. Edmonds,
P. Poirier, D. Killkelley, D. Roy

Third Row: G. Walters, S. Cassell, R. Kelleher, K. Macleod, R. Levierge, T. Prentice,
J. Goodridge, R. Ingerson, T. Dillon, B. Levesque

Fourth Row: J. Spence, M. Dudash, M. Murray, J. Sullivan, M. Marcotte, D. Lindbom, E. Pane,
E. Marquis, H. Estey

Fifth Row: A. Ducharme, E. Frasier, J. York, C. Scott, T. St. Cyr, W. Kwiecinski, N. Cameron,
S. McGuire, J. Lavigne, K. Costello



Town Clerk / Tax Collector Department

First Row: D. Trippett, J. Killpartrick, L. Hall

Second Row: T. Lambert, N. Deslauriers, M. Covell



Welfare Department

P. Murphy

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
DEC. 2005				
27	NASHUA	BRANDON DAVID	KRISTIAN FISCHER	JENNIFER FISCHER
28	NASHUA	MIA PEARL	ERIC GETCHELL	LAURA GETCHELL
29	NASHUA	CHRISTOPHER JAMES	MICHAEL LABORE	STACIE LABORE
JAN. 2006				
3	NASHUA	ANYA LYNN	EDWARD KELLEY	HEIDI KELLEY
4	NASHUA	RICARDO JAVIER	RICARDO ADORNO	MELISSA MARTINEZ-ADORNO
5	NASHUA	AVA MARIE	GARY KOZINSKI	SHAUNA KOZINSKI
10	NASHUA	GWENDOLYN ROSE	MICHAEL BALBONI	ALLISON BALBONI
18	NASHUA	MALIK EMENIKE	JOEL OGBUNAMIRI	HEATHER OGBUNAMIRI
19	NASHUA	SARA PAIGE	STEPHEN HUGGETT	JACQUELINE HUGGETT
19	NASHUA	ERIC CHRISTOPHER	STEPHEN HUGGETT	JACQUELINE HUGGETT
24	DERRY	WILLIAM THOMAS	THOMAS SHIELDS	JENNELL SHIELDS
28	NASHUA	RYAN MARTIN	DAVID MELENDY	AMY MELENDY
31	NASHUA	GARRON PAUL	WILLIAM BROWN	JESSICA BROWN
31	NASHUA	JOSHUA CADIGAN	WILLIAM HICKS	MARILUCE HICKS
FEB. 2006				
14	NASHUA	JOSEPH LOUIS	COREY RAYMOND	NICKI RAYMOND
21	NASHUA	CHLOE LILLIAN	GAETANO GANGEMI	KERRY GANGEMI
22	NASHUA	SARAH ELIZABETH	ROBERT CADY	MILLIE CADY
24	NASHUA	LOGAN GERALD	MATTHEW DAY	TARA DAY
27	NASHUA	HAYDEN CYNTHIA	GERALD STUART	JENNIFER STUART
28	NASHUA	CHERI ANNETTE	PIERRE WILLEMS	DEANA WILLEMS
MAR. 2006				
1	MANCHESTER	IZABELL	JAMES APOVIAN	KRISTIN APOVIAN
3	NASHUA	DAVID FREDERICK	MARK ROY	MARGARET ROY
3	NASHUA	NATHANIEL KENDRICK	IAN MACGREGOR	MAUREEN MACGREGOR
5	NASHUA	LAUREN ALEXIS	GREGORY PELLETIER	JENNIFER PELLETIER
14	NASHUA	KAYLEE ELIZABETH	EARL CLARK	STEPHANIE CLARK

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
15	MANCHESTER	KIERA EILEEN	PETER DUFFY	DIANE DUFFY
16	NASHUA	JAQUELYN MARIE	LLOYD SMITH	DENISE SMITH
17	MANCHESTER	CHASE FRANCIS	BRIAN PATTERSON	JESSICA PATTERSON
20	NASHUA	AIDEN HUNTER	RAYMOND DEMETRION	DARLENE DEMETRION
25	NASHUA	BRAEDON JAMES	BRIAN DUBIS	SHERRE DUBIS
28	NASHUA	MAKETTRIC JAMES	JERRY OWENS	AIMEE OWENS
APR. 2006				
1	NASHUA	ZACHARIAH OMAR	SAMIR REZAOUI	AMANDA REZAOUI
1	MANCHESTER	RYAN ANTHONY	ANTHONY HAMPSHIRE	ERIN HAMPSHIRE
3	NASHUA	DEVIN CHARLES	MARC LAPOINTE	CHARLENE LAPOINTE
3	MANCHESTER	EMMA KAYLA	LANCE DOUCETTE	SHERI DOUCETTE
4	NASHUA	ELLA ROSE	MARC GRAHAM	KATE GRAHAM
4	NASHUA	HANNAH ELIZABETH	CHARLES DADDONA	MAURA DADDONA
8	NASHUA	ASHLEY LYNN	SCOTT PETERS	STEPHANIE PETERS
18	NASHUA	LILIANNA HELEN	BENJAMIN HILL	JANET HILL
19	NASHUA	SARA ANN	KENNETH FRERICKS	LORI FRERICKS
21	MILFORD	ZAVRILLYN MARIE	ZACHARIAH BARNES	SELINA BARNES
22	NASHUA	SABRINA MARIE	ROBERT MOORE	JACLYN COURVILLE MOORE
25	NASHUA	MIA GRACE	RICHARD GILDEA	DESIREE GILDEA
26	NASHUA	MICHAEL JOSEPH	DONALD MCLAUGHLIN	CYNTHIA MCLAUGHLIN
27	MANCHESTER	NATHANIEL JOHN	SCOTT DAVENPORT	AMY DAVENPORT
27	NASHUA	ETHAN REXFORD	DEAN MELANSON	JENNIFER MELANSON
29	NASHUA	SHEALYN ROSE	CHARLES SARCIA	TIERNEY SARCIA
29	NASHUA	LILY JAYNE	SHAWN FARRELL	ALYSON FARRELL
MAY 2006				
7	NASHUA	MICHAEL GENE	BRYAN RIGGI	ELLEN RIGGI
7	NASHUA	SUSAN ROSE	BRYAN RIGGI	ELLEN RIGGI
8	NASHUA	HANNAH MARIE	DARRIN VIGEANT	LEEANN VIGEANT
10	NASHUA	KAMERON PAIGE	JUSTIN LANGELIER	REBECCA LANGELIER
12	NASHUA	JOLIE OLIVIA	WILLIAM ELLSWORTH	DARLENE ELLSWORTH
12	NASHUA	EMMA GRACE	JAMES STAPLES	CHRISTINE STAPLES
13	NASHUA	EMILY KIMDY	DENNIS THERIAULT	PONITA THERIAULT

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
14	MANCHESTER	BRIA ALEXYS	STEVE BLAKE	CARYN BLAKE
16	DERRY	LILY DIANA	ANTHONY BELAND	CRYSTAL BELAND
18	NASHUA	ALYSSA LEE	WADE PARKS	KAREN PARKS
19	NASHUA	CALEB MATTHEW	KEVIN BEALS	RANDI BEALS
19	MANCHESTER	ADAM	FILIPPO NAPOLI	MARTHA NAPOLI
25	NASHUA	RACHEL PAIGE	RANDY GORDON	KAREN GORDON
27	NASHUA	JILLIAN JEAN	THOMAS KERSHAW	JENNIFER KERSHAW
30	NASHUA	MAYA ELIZABETH	WILLIAM ALBRIGHT	TARA ALBRIGHT
31	NASHUA	BROOKE LYNN	THOMAS FLEWELLING	JENNIFER FLEWELLING
JUNE 2006				
1	NASHUA	SAMANTHA JEANNE	DUANE LAFLOTTE	MELISSA LAFLOTTE
3	NASHUA	CONNOR MICHAEL	KEITH FAUVEL	DANYEL FAUVEL
9	NASHUA	THOMAS LANG	CHARLES MCNAMARA	LORA MCNAMARA
16	NASHUA	JENNIFER ROSE	MIKE EPSTEIN	NANCY EPSTEIN
20	DERRY	VIKRAM COLE	AVIJIT PATHANIA	PRISCILLA PATHANIA
26	NASHUA	ALEXANDRA JEAN	MARC THERRIEN	KRISTI THERRIEN
29	NASHUA	AVERY ISABELLE	ANTHONY DUPONT	THERESA DUPONT
JULY 2006				
8	NASHUA	EDWARD LEO	EDWARD JOHNSON	MICHELE JOHNSON
11	MANCHESTER	MASON JOHN	JOHN EGAN	RACHEL EGAN
17	NASHUA	JOSEPH PAUL	PAUL DEKARSKI	JENNIFER DEKARSKI
23	NASHUA	LILYANNA JOY	MICHAEL PETROCELLI	ELISABETH PETROCELLI
29	NASHUA	QUINN JAMES	JOHN SULLIVAN	VIRGINIA SULLIVAN
AUG. 2006				
7	NASHUA	KARLA DENISE	DANIEL DEMERS	VANESSA DEMERS
9	NASHUA	AINE BRIDGET	ERIC NOONAN	MANDY NOONAN
13	MANCHESTER	EVELYN CATE	JONATHAN RUBIN	KELLIE RUBIN
16	NASHUA	COLLIN BRAYDEN	MICHAEL PARTELLO	MISTY PARTELLO
17	NASHUA	VAUGHN KAHLE	PETER JENNINGS	NADINE JENNINGS
21	NASHUA	MAIYA DEVAN	DAVID TOTTH	ELLEN TOTTH
23	NASHUA	SKYLER MORGAN	GARY GAGE	LISA GAGE
29	NASHUA	MEREDITH JEAN	MARC LUBELCZYK	HOLLY LUBELCZYK

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
29	NASHUA	KATHERINE ISABELLE	CRAIG LELAND	SARAH LELAND
SEPT. 2006				
1	MANCHESTER	AIDAN STRATTON	BEAU BERNARD	ELLEN BERNARD
5	NASHUA	ARELYA DARAH	DAVID THIBEAULT	DANITA THIBEAULT
5	NASHUA	HANNAH ELIZABETH	DAVID THOMAS	RHONDA THOMAS
6	NASHUA	ALLYSON ELIZABETH	JASON ROY	CHRISTINE ROY
8	NASHUA	KRISTYN ADORA	DAVID GLIDDEN	SARAH GLIDDEN
9	NASHUA	SOFIA LYNN	PAUL DEGRAZIA	LYNN DEGRAZIA
10	MANCHESTER	KENNAN CHRISTIAN	KENNETH HUNTER	MARY-LISA HUNTER
19	NASHUA	MATTHEW JAMES	PAUL THOMPSON	ELISE THOMPSON
19	NASHUA	ELLA VICTORIA	JONATHAN FONG	KATHERINE FONG
23	NASHUA	BRENNAN ROBERT	ROBERT MULLANEY	KRISTEN MULLANEY
30	NASHUA	MAYA ROSE	CHRISTOPHER STUBBS	SUSAN STUBBS
OCT. 2006				
4	NASHUA	AIDAN CHRISTOPHER	SCOTT GOLDEN	HOLLY GOLDEN
9	NASHUA	WINGLIMA JUSTIN	FLAVIO AFONSO	EDVANIA GOMES AFONSO
10	NASHUA	CHARLES ANDREW	MICHAEL AMARELLO	VIRGINIA AMARELLO
13	NASHUA	CODY LEE	DAVID BLEHM	KAREN BLEHM
16	NASHUA	VANESSA ROSE	CALEY O'CONNELL	SABRINA O'CONNELL
17	NASHUA	ELOISE CATHERINE	JOSEPH GEIGER	JOANNE GEIGER
19	NASHUA	BRADY ROYCE	PERICLES	MELISSA KAPSAMBELIS
			KAPSAMBELIS	
23	NASHUA	ANNA LEIGH	DAVID RAND	SHANNON RAND
24	NASHUA	SUMMER KATHLEEN	LAUREN JOYAL	NICOLE DALBEC-JOYAL
NOV. 2006				
1	NASHUA	JOSEPH ROLAND	MATTHEW SOUCY	KRISTIN SOUCY
10	MANCHESTER	LILLY MAE	MICHAEL ANDERSON	THERESA ANDERSON
14	NASHUA	DYLAN MICHAEL	TIMOTHY KLEIN	ERIN KLEIN
23	NASHUA	ADDISON ELIZABETH	ROBERT POWERS	MEGHAN POWERS
24	NASHUA	BROOKE CIRA	JASON LANGIANESE	ROSELYN LANGIANESE
DEC. 2006				
1	NASHUA	DOUGLAS CONRAD	DOUGLAS DUBUQUE	RENEE DUBUQUE

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
2	NASHUA	TREVOR JEFFREY	JEFFREY CARTER	REBECCA CARTER
5	MANCHESTER	RILEY JEANNE	JAMES PLOURDE	CHRISTIN PLOURDE
5	NASHUA	BENJAMIN JACOB	WILLIAM VANDERSYDE	SUE VANDERSYDE
8	NASHUA	AMELIA ROSE	ROBERT GREGORY	INGA GREGORY
14	NASHUA	KEGAN ALAN	ADAM SAVAGE	STEPHANY SAVAGE
24	PETERBOROUGH	LEO FRANCESCO	MICHAEL MAGNIFICO	ELISHA MAGNIFICO

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
JANUARY, 2006		
1	EVERETT LEBARON	BEDFORD
4	MARY BEAMER	MERRIMACK
5	ANGELIKI KOUSOUNADIS	NASHUA
11	JEAN ALLEN	NASHUA
22	ARLINE JORDAN	NASHUA
23	JANINE CASTRO	MERRIMACK
28	ELSIE ALBERT	NASHUA
FEBRUARY, 2006		
8	MARTIN MUZEROLL	MERRIMACK
9	JULIA FERNANDEZ	MERRIMACK
11	PETER BELL	MERRIMACK
13	ROBERT BERGER	MERRIMACK
14	IDA ALLARD	CONCORD
15	CATHERINE DION	MERRIMACK
17	GREGORY MAYHEW	NASHUA
18	MAUREEN TUTTLE	MERRIMACK
20	HELEN GAWLIK	NASHUA
28	RITA MACKEY	NASHUA
28	CHARLOTTE DUTCH	MERRIMACK
MARCH, 2006		
2	THEONA VICTOR	NASHUA
2	DANA FAVOR	NASHUA
10	CLIFTON ESTES	NASHUA
10	ARTHUR THOMAS	MANCHESTER
11	THERESA DORMAN	NASHUA
13	PAUL LAPIERRE	MERRIMACK
16	JULIUS KOPANS	DERRY
16	MADELEINE THERRIEN	NASHUA
19	INEZ FAGERQUIST	MERRIMACK
30	EFFIE KANGAS	MERRIMACK
APRIL, 2006		
4	EDWARD LEONARD	NASHUA
10	JOHN STAVRINOS	NASHUA
14	MARGARET ZUFELT	NASHUA
15	JOHN BRADSHAW	MERRIMACK
16	GRACE GAGNE	MANCHESTER
22	MARGARET DAMON	NASHUA

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
26	DONALD ZIBOLIS	NASHUA
27	WILLIAM BARNES	NASHUA
27	ROBERT BIANCHIN	MERRIMACK
MAY, 2006		
5	JAMES LIEBKE	MERRIMACK
8	PAMELA MYERS	MERRIMACK
11	RICHARD LEIDICH	NASHUA
11	TERESA FLEMING	MERRIMACK
16	BARBARA GOLDER	NASHUA
16	KATHLEEN GARFIELD	NASHUA
21	THEODORE LEMIRE	BEDFORD
25	ELLEN HANEY	MERRIMACK
JUNE, 2006		
2	RICHARD LAFLEUR	MANCHESTER
3	BEULAH GARFIELD	NASHUA
5	GEORGE WILLIAMS	NASHUA
10	BRENDA LINDAHL	MERRIMACK
12	EDMUND TETRO	MERRIMACK
20	CINDY STOVER	MILFORD
27	MICHAEL FIDALEO	MANCHESTER
JULY, 2006		
4	WILLIAM VOLLHEIM	MERRIMACK
4	JOHN BANTIS	MERRIMACK
5	EDWARD COX	MERRIMACK
5	RALPH JURY	NASHUA
16	ROBERT LANDRY	NASHUA
20	CECILE VACHON	MERRIMACK
26	DONNA ELDER	MERRIMACK
27	BRADFORD CROSS	MERRIMACK
AUGUST, 2006		
2	GERALDINE THERIAULT	MERRIMACK
6	DIANE STUDLEY	MERRIMACK
7	JOHN BERUBE	NASHUA
14	MARY CORDEAU	MERRIMACK
21	CAROLYN BULLOCK	NASHUA
29	ARTHUR ROUNDY	NASHUA
29	DOROTHY HANNING	BEDFORD
SEPTEMBER, 2006		
6	JOHN BARRETT	MERRIMACK
9	FRANCES MOORE	MANCHESTER
10	WARREN SNOW	NASHUA
10	JOHN REID	MERRIMACK
15	JOHN FAVREAU	NASHUA
15	HENRY HARDEN	MERRIMACK
22	DOUGLAS HENDERSON	NASHUA

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
26	GERARD PARADISE	MERRIMACK
30	JEAN GAGNON	NASHUA
OCTOBER, 2006		
5	THOMAS MOONEY	CONCORD
10	THOMAS HUDON	MERRIMACK
13	CHARLES COUTMANES	MANCHESTER
23	WILLIAM PARKER	NASHUA
23	SUSAN BRACKETT	MERRIMACK
24	JORDAN HARTNETT	BEDFORD
25	NORMA FRENCH	NASHUA
26	SAMUEL WEISMAN	MANCHESTER
27	PHYLLIS AMIDON	MERRIMACK
NOVEMBER, 2006		
3	ROBERT JOHNSON	NASHUA
6	SYLVIA KOPANS	MERRIMACK
10	LORRAINE HIGGINS	MERRIMACK
11	PASQUALE MARCHESE	MERRIMACK
15	THOMAS THOMPSON	NASHUA
15	DAVID DREW	MERRIMACK
24	ROBERT COMEAU	NASHUA
26	ELVIRA BURGESS	MANCHESTER
27	DIANE HAMELIN	MERRIMACK
DECEMBER, 2006		
1	LITTLETON BALL	MERRIMACK
1	ELIZABETH SCHEURICH	MERRIMACK
3	PAUL MAYHEW	NASHUA
5	KENNETH BROWN	NASHUA
6	PAUL PELLETIER	MERRIMACK
9	JOHN BURKE	MERRIMACK
12	ERNEST MCCLARY	NASHUA
16	KIMBERLEE PELKEY	MERRIMACK
23	SHIRLEY MEAD	MERRIMACK
24	EDWARD LEBLANC	MERRIMACK
26	BARBARA WOOD	NASHUA
31	HELEN JOHNSON	BEDFORD

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
JAN. 2006				
1	DAVID R. HURST	MERRIMACK	KELLY M. FLYNN	MERRIMACK
7	BENJAMIN P. FOULKES	MERRIMACK	BONNIE J. ACHESON	MERRIMACK
9	AHMET C. AKIN	MERRIMACK	GILDA M. SORDILLO	MERRIMACK
FEB. 2006				
11	KEVIN S. HOWE	MERRIMACK	SANDRA G. FLANNERY	MERRIMACK
14	JOSEPH E. LEBARON	MERRIMACK	CHELSEY M. AVILES	MERRIMACK
14	SEAN E. BROWN	BEDFORD	HEATHER A. QUEEN	MERRIMACK
18	JOHN M. SNYDER	MERRIMACK	PAMELA E. CAREY	MERRIMACK
25	RAYMOND E. LYON	MERRIMACK	JUDITH Y. LEHMAN	BRANCH, MI
MAR. 2006				
4	JOHN V. ELLSPERMANN	GROTON, CT	KRISTEN M. QUIMBY	MERRIMACK
APR. 2006				
8	WILLIAM N. DOW	ALLENSTOWN	SUSAN L. GAGNON	MERRIMACK
14	MICHAEL W. MYERS	MERRIMACK	JOANNE LODI	MERRIMACK
15	WILLIAM F. DAVIS	MERRIMACK	RENEE P. ASSELIN	MERRIMACK
15	ADAM M. BRUNELLE	MERRIMACK	JAIME L. URBAN	MERRIMACK
22	DANIEL D. BAEZ	MERRIMACK	HEATHER A. PAINTER	NASHUA
22	JOSEPH F. CANNATA	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. DESCHENES	MERRIMACK
23	PAUL R. RIVARD	MERRIMACK	TANYA G. CURCIO	MERRIMACK
29	RONALD J. MARNICIO	DURHAM	KAYE R. DAVIS-HANNIGAN	MERRIMACK
29	ROBERT R. HOAG	MERRIMACK	DAWN M. WINTER	MERRIMACK
29	DANIEL G. BERGEN	MERRIMACK	ABIGAIL L. SWARTZ	MERRIMACK
29	JAMES M. CROSBY	MERRIMACK	ANNE G. CAMERON	MERRIMACK
30	GREGORY R. HALL	MERRIMACK	JESSICA A. WHITE	MERRIMACK
MAY 2006				
6	GREGORY S. WHISSEL	MERRIMACK	MICHELE L. TALERICO	MERRIMACK
6	EDWARD A. PUTNEY	MERRIMACK	NINA M. DIFAZIO	MERRIMACK

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
6	KENT A. MCKENZIE	MERRIMACK	LORI B. GARDENOUR	MERRIMACK
11	THOMAS R. BEAULIEU	MERRIMACK	CAROLE A. RICHARDSON	MERRIMACK
13	DAVID A. YOST	MERRIMACK	NICOLE L. GIROUX	METHUEN, MA
13	MICHAEL C. ALPERT	MERRIMACK	MARY E. NOVIA	MERRIMACK
20	JODY A. BURTSSELL	MERRIMACK	TRACEY A. CURET	MERRIMACK
20	MATTHEW S. MAGLIO	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. WILKIE	BEDFORD
27	ROBERT B. CHADBOURNE	KEENE	KRISTEN M. POULIOT	MERRIMACK
27	CLINTON E. RANGE	MERRIMACK	KRISTINE E. HALL	MERRIMACK
27	MATTHEW L. ROCCA	MERRIMACK	CLAUDETTE M. JACKSON	MERRIMACK
27	JUSTIN A. BERNATCHEZ	MERRIMACK	JILLIAN M. CERCE	MERRIMACK
28	STUART A. MONCRIEFF	MERRIMACK	KIMBERLY A. CRAFTS	MERRIMACK
28	ROGER G. NADEAU	MERRIMACK	DARSI L. RUSSELL	MERRIMACK
28	MICHAEL J. CHOINIERE	JACKSONVILLE, FL	BEATRICE P. GERLACH	MERRIMACK
JUNE 2006				
3	STEPHEN J. LUCE	HOLLIS	SARAH A. BURNHAM	MERRIMACK
3	MATTHEW D. NOURSE	MERRIMACK	AMANDA R. LAROSE	HUDSON
3	BRANDON P. ABELLEIRA	MERRIMACK	SINAI E. DIAZ LOPEZ	
3	JOSHUA I. HOOPER	MERRIMACK	ALISHA L. COTE	MERRIMACK
10	JAMES C. SPINELLA	NASHUA	MELISSA J. MCLAUGHLIN	MERRIMACK
10	TIMOTHY W. DANTON	MERRIMACK	SARAH L. KNIGHT	MANCHESTER
11	SCOTT J. CAMBRAY	MERRIMACK	NANCY A. GLICK	MERRIMACK
11	STEVEN LESLIE	MERRIMACK	SANDRA H. LESLIE	MERRIMACK
16	TYLER J. BRIAND	MERRIMACK	TANYA M. DEMERS	MERRIMACK
18	AARON H. RUSSELL	PHOENIX, AZ	MELYSSA A. PETERS	MERRIMACK
23	LUIAL R. GILBERT	MERRIMACK	SARAH E. DWYER	SALEM
24	MICHEL E. COURET	MERRIMACK	NANCY E. JAMROG	MERRIMACK
24	CHRISTOPHER VAN HIRTUM	MERRIMACK	HOLLY A. DIONNE	MERRIMACK
24	ROBERT C. PICKELL	MANCHESTER	JAMIE A. FLANDERS	MERRIMACK
25	RICHARD L. BOARDMAN	MERRIMACK	ELIZABETH A. NAIMAN	MERRIMACK
JULY 2006				
1	RYAN P. TESTA	MERRIMACK	AMANDA F. BARKER	MERRIMACK
1	CRAIG R. HARE	MERRIMACK	KIMBERLY J. GRAY	MERRIMACK

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
1	MARK A. YOUNG	WHITEFIELD	KATIE A. BALL	MERRIMACK
1	THOMAS A. RUSSELL	MERRIMACK	KIMBERLY J. PAQUETTE	MERRIMACK
2	RAYMOND H. MILLETTE	MANCHESTER	RHONDA D. MERCIER	MERRIMACK
8	EDWARD J. COLLINS	NASHUA	COLETTE CREWS	MERRIMACK
8	PATRICK E. DONEGAN	NASHUA	SHEILAH A. FERGUSSON	MERRIMACK
8	JAMEY D. OUELLETTE	MERRIMACK	NICOLE M. CARDOZA	MERRIMACK
9	KIRK D. CAMPBELL	MERRIMACK	NANCY A. CHAMBERS	MERRIMACK
14	CHRISTOPHER T. LINSOTT	MERRIMACK	LAUREN R. VIVEIROS	MERRIMACK
15	TIMOTHY R. BURNS	MERRIMACK	AUDRA M. PAQUETTE	MERRIMACK
15	BRETT D. GAFFKE	GROTON, CT	LAURA T. VOVERIS	MERRIMACK
22	RYAN R. PELLETIER	MERRIMACK	MEGAN ELLIS	LONDONDERRY
29	RUSSELL L. HILLIARD	MERRIMACK	KATHLEEN A. BURKE	MERRIMACK
29	MITCHELL FRUMKIN	MERRIMACK	JULIA M. BROADWATER	MERRIMACK
29	STEVEN M. AUTIERI	COVENTRY, RI	SARAH E. LECIUS	MERRIMACK
AUG. 2006				
5	DERRICK L. MUSE	MERRIMACK	MARIE J. CHALFOUR	MERRIMACK
12	DAVID P. LAROCQUE	MERRIMACK	BARBARA A. JOHNSON	MERRIMACK
13	DAVID S. MICHELSON	MERRIMACK	ANN C. GREENWOOD	PHOENIX, AZ
18	MATTHEW D. BRUNELLE	MERRIMACK	BERKYS COLLAZO RODRIGUEZ	MERRIMACK
19	DOUGLAS L. LONG	MERRIMACK	HEIDI L. CRITZ	MERRIMACK
19	ROBERT A. LANGIS	MERRIMACK	ELIZABETH K. MCKINNEY	MERRIMACK
26	RICHARD S. LAWLER	MERRIMACK	LUCIA ALFORD	MERRIMACK
26	SCOTT C. SIMONS	MERRIMACK	SANDRA E. WHALON	MERRIMACK
26	WILLIAM A. PLERHOPLES	MERRIMACK	ELLIE I. CHUANG	MERRIMACK
27	JARED B. JENSEN	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. MEDICI	MERRIMACK
SEPT. 2006				
3	JAMES J. PALLIS	PEPPERELL, MA	LESLIE A. GILLETTE	MERRIMACK
3	JAMIE J. RICHARDS	MERRIMACK	KATIE B. ANNIS	MERRIMACK
9	TIMOTHY T. CURTIN	MERRIMACK	DANIELA IANNICELLI	MERRIMACK
9	HOWARD B. LURIE	MERRIMACK	JUDITH L. CURDO	MERRIMACK
9	THOMAS BRUECKNER	MERRIMACK	LAURIE A. DUCHENEY	NASHUA
9	MICHAEL J. BROWN	MERRIMACK	LISA J. CLIFFORD	MERRIMACK

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
9	ERIC S. LINDQUIST	MERRIMACK	CANDY L. VARAKSIN	MERRIMACK
16	JOHN C. LYNCH	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER M. SHORES	MERRIMACK
16	GEORGE G. MADRID	MERRIMACK	KATHLEEN A. KING	MERRIMACK
16	JOSEPH W. MAGUIRE	MERRIMACK	SUSAN T. SUTTON	MERRIMACK
16	MICHAEL B. JONES	DEERING	MARY D. BOUCHER	MERRIMACK
16	ARTHUR T. TAYLOR	MERRIMACK	NATASHA L. SCHOFIELD	MERRIMACK
16	DAVID R. SCOTT	MERRIMACK	DONNA M. PARENT	MERRIMACK
23	WILLIAM H. PEPLER	MERRIMACK	JANICE M. CIMINO	MERRIMACK
23	MICHAEL E. MASELLA	MANCHESTER	NANCY L. LAGANIERE	MERRIMACK
23	DON C. THOMPSON	MERRIMACK	ANNE B. SCHUURMAN	ARLINGTON, VA
27	JOHN P. MORRILL	MERRIMACK	LISA M. MCCARTHY	MERRIMACK
29	ADAM WOBROCK	MERRIMACK	SARAH R. THESE	MERRIMACK
29	ADAM V. HELBLING	MERRIMACK	ANNA ANSELM	MERRIMACK
30	JACOB S. DUSLING	MERRIMACK	AMY L. GRAINGER	LONDONDERY
30	JESSE W. BURNS	MERRIMACK	LISA A. LAIL	MERRIMACK
30	BRIAN A. HARRIS	MERRIMACK	CORRIN D. WILSON	MERRIMACK
30	ERIK M. STERN	MERRIMACK	LISA D. BOUCHER	MERRIMACK
30	JONATHAN F. AMBRIANO	MERRIMACK	HEATHER M. WOJTASZEK	HUDSON
30	PHILIP A. MINICHIELLO	MERRIMACK	KATE E. MURPHY	MERRIMACK
30	BRADFORD E. BENJAMIN	MERRIMACK	DEANNA L. LOTH	MERRIMACK
OCT. 2006				
1	JON VISCIONE	MERRIMACK	JOAN L. BROWN	MERRIMACK
7	GEORGE W. ROSE	MERRIMACK	MARY BETH WHITTINGTON	MERRIMACK
7	DENNIS M. DUQUETTE	MERRIMACK	BONNIE E. FORBES	MERRIMACK
9	PETER M. BLANGIARDI	MERRIMACK	LYNNE M. MELILLI	MERRIMACK
14	NATHANIEL CHAPMAN	ESSEX, MA	CARY E. KAKOLESKI	MERRIMACK
14	BLAINE A. OLMSTEAD	MERRIMACK	JANELLE L. BRIGHTMAN	MERRIMACK
14	SCOTT V. KURZWEIL	MERRIMACK	KATHLEEN M. COX	MERRIMACK
14	FREDERICK P. GRIFFITH	MERRIMACK	KATHLEEN TRIPODI	EAST WINDSOR, CT
14	RAYMOND A. NICHOLS	MERRIMACK	JODEE E. HICKCOX	MERRIMACK
20	MICHAEL T. CHANNEN	MERRIMACK	SONYA C. RIZKALLA	MERRIMACK
21	CHRISTOPHER H. ROLFE	MERRIMACK	MELISSA A. GILBODY	MERRIMACK

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
21	CHRISTOPHER S. ROWE	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. CONANT	MERRIMACK
21	ERIC R. PHARO	MERRIMACK	PATRICIA K. DEVLIN	MERRIMACK
21	RICHARD A. HAYDEN	MERRIMACK	SHAWNA J. PURPLE	MERRIMACK
24	DANIEL R. KLEVISHA	MERRIMACK	MARILIS SEGARRA	MERRIMACK
26	ROBERT N. WEBB	MERRIMACK	CAROLYN A. ABAGIS	MERRIMACK
28	DAVID J. HIGGINS	SALEM, MA	MELISSA M. HILL	MERRIMACK
28	RYAN P. TANSEY	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. CURRIER	MERRIMACK
28	NICHOLAS D. WILSON	MERRIMACK	MICHELLE J. CYCKOWSKI	MERRIMACK
28	FERNANDO D. POE	MERRIMACK	AMBER M. SCHEFFLER	MERRIMACK
28	GREGORY VAZZANA	MERRIMACK	TAMI L. JANSEN	MERRIMACK
29	ROBERT L. HERMAN	MERRIMACK	CHERYL A. KING	MERRIMACK
NOV. 2006				
4	CHRISTOPHER J. WALSH	MERRIMACK	JILL M. FELTON	MERRIMACK
10	ANAND T. PILLAI	EXTON, PA	MONA PATEL	MERRIMACK
11	TODD A. SORENSEN	MERRIMACK	CHRISTINA M. DOVE	MERRIMACK
12	GLENN C. HAMPOIAN	MERRIMACK	ANGELA M. GIARD	MERRIMACK
17	JR BENDONIS	MERRIMACK	KELLY E. GREENHALGE	MERRIMACK
22	PRESCOTT S. WELDON	MERRIMACK	STEPHANIE J. HEWITT	MERRIMACK
23	PAUL J. LEITHNER	MERRIMACK	BARBARA J. BERTELMANN	MERRIMACK
DEC. 2006				
1	EDWARD J. BRANSKY	MERRIMACK	RENEE M. GREENLEAF	MERRIMACK
2	ERICH D. WEIHRAUCH	MERRIMACK	MARGARET S. MCGIVERN	NORTH ANDOVER, MA
9	JONATHAN E. NICHOLS	MERRIMACK	TARA A. FRIEDRICH	MERRIMACK
9	ANTON BINGEL	MERRIMACK	JOYCE ELDRIDGE	MERRIMACK
9	GEORGE A. FOX	MERRIMACK	VERNA K. SZUCS	BINGHAMTON, NY
15	ANDREW A. STEEVES	MERRIMACK	ROBIN B. THOMPSON	MERRIMACK
21	SHAWN G. PALMER	MERRIMACK	TANYA A. RUSSELL	MERRIMACK
24	MARK L. LOWE	MERRIMACK	MICHELLE A. VALLUZZI	MERRIMACK
31	NATHAN D. GORTON	MERRIMACK	JESSICA D. RUANO	MERRIMACK

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2007 Town Warrant

2007-08 Budget of the Town/City (MS-6)

2007-08 Default Budget





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APRIL 10, 2007

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TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

TOWN COUNCIL

3 Years Vote for not
more than two (2)

NANCY M. HARRINGTON ☐

TIMOTHY TENHAVE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ETHICS COMMITTEE

3 Years Vote for not
more than one (1)

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

3 Years Vote for not
more than one (1)

ANN D. BURROWS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

3 Years Vote for not
more than one (1)

CHRIS CHRISTENSEN ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 2

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Town Council to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Town Council to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2007-08 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (2/3 ballot vote required for approval) (Recommended by the Town Council 6-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,792,449? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,185,901, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Town Council 6-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, (supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments) which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	0 %	\$ 0
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 133,805
2008-09	3.75 %	\$ 73,750
2009-10	3.50 %	\$ 71,179

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,805 for the 2007-08 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. (Recommended by the Town Council 5-1-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 to install fencing along the perimeter of the Merrimack Transfer Station? This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until all the fencing is installed or by June 30, 2009, whichever is earlier. (Recommended by the Town Council 6-0-0)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to amend the net income for the disabled exemption, pursuant to RSA 72:37-b, from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for a single applicant or, if married, a combined income from \$45,000 to \$60,000? In order to qualify for this yearly exemption, the applicant must meet the qualifications contained in RSA 72:37-b. If adopted, this amendment shall become effective as of April 1, 2007.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to amend the optional veteran's real estate tax credit, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:28, from \$300 to \$500, the maximum allowed by law? In order to qualify for this yearly exemption, the applicant must meet the qualifications contained in RSA 72:28. If adopted, this amendment shall become effective as of April 1, 2007.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 8

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, IV, to change the percentage of the land use change tax collections deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund from 100% to 50%? The intent of this article is that only 50% of the collections received from the land use change tax are to be deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund and the other 50% received shall be deposited into the General Fund. If passed, this article shall take effect April 1, 2008.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 9

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicated in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article III, Section 3-4 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

A. [The election officers shall conduct regular and special elections on the dates specified by New Hampshire State law.] The election officers, ~~whose duty it is to conduct regular and special elections,~~ shall use a Non-Partisan Official Ballot System as detailed in the election laws of the State of New Hampshire, on the second Tuesday in April to choose Town Councilors and such other officials as specified by this Charter, each of whom shall be elected by the voters of the entire town.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 10

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicated in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article III, Section 3-5 PREPARATION OF BALLOTS

The Town Clerk shall prepare separate ballots to be used at all local referenda and elections at which Town officers are chosen. The ballots shall contain in appropriate sections the names of all candidates, listed in ~~alphabetical order,~~ [as prescribed by New Hampshire State Law] without party designation.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 11

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicated in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article IV, Section 4-3 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Council shall, by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) of its members, at its Organizational Meeting, choose one (1) of its members Chair ~~for a term of one (1) year~~ [who shall hold office until their successor is duly elected by the Council]. The Council shall choose one (1) of its members as Vice Chair ~~for a term of one (1) year~~ [who shall hold office until their successor is duly elected by the Council] who shall act in the absence or disability of the Chair. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall serve out the unexpired term. The Chair shall be the official head of the Town for all ceremonial purposes, shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and may speak and vote at such meetings.

YES ☐
NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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BALLOT 2 OF 2

Dana Allcock Juppert
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 12

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicated in brackets and bold type. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article V, Section 5-2 FORM (paragraph 2)

Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance, sections, or subsections to be repealed or amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by ~~enclosing it in brackets or strikeout~~ [strikethrough] type, and shall indicate new matter by ~~underlining or by italics~~ [enclosing it in brackets and using **bold type**].

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 13

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicated in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article IX, Section 9-4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

~~A situation or circumstance in which an official or employee or a member of his or her family, directly or indirectly, has a financial interest, aside from his or her salary, greater than any other citizen or tax payer.~~

B. [A situation, circumstance, or financial interest that has the potential to cause a private or personal interest to interfere with the proper exercise of a public duty.]

YES ☐

NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

2007 OFFICIAL BALLOT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Merrimack residents will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed budget and other Town matters by answering “yes” or “no” to the questions on the official ballot that will be used in conjunction with the annual election to be held between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. There are three polling places in Merrimack: St. John Neumann Church at 708 Milford Road (Route 101A); St. James United Methodist Church at 646 Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3); and James Masticola Upper Elementary School - All-Purpose Room at 26 Baboosic Lake Road. To determine the appropriate polling place for you to vote, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 424-3651, or access the Town's website at www.ci.merrimack.nh.us, click under “Where Do You Go To Vote?” at the home page, enter your street address in the spaces provided, and click on “Go.”



The following information is provided as a public service to enable citizens to better understand the matters on which they will be voting. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Town Council's Office at 424-2331, or by visiting the Town's website at www.ci.merrimack.nh.us.

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice on the ballot. Follow the directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the box.

ARTICLE 2 DRAINAGE BOND

This Article authorizes the financing and design/construction of drainage improvements throughout the Town. In 2005/2006, the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) had identified a number of key areas with non-existent or functionally deficient storm drainage. Projects that had been included in the first three years of the Town's six-year C.I.P. program were included in a Bond Warrant Article in the amount of \$1.7 million for ballot vote at the 2006 Town Meeting. This Article received approximately 57% vote in favor, which was slightly less than the 60% threshold that was required.

Shortly after the 2006 Town Meeting, the Town experienced the “Mother's Day Flood of 2006”, which created damage to the Town's roadways and bridges; sanitary sewer system; wastewater treatment plant; as well as damage to private property throughout Town, primarily in areas with substandard storm drainage facilities.

This Article will provide the funding to address areas of Town that have experienced damage due to storm drainage runoff, such as Forsythia Drive, Bambi Trail/Silver Doe Lane, Hilton Drive, Woodland Drive, Souhegan/Currier Road, Chapel/Wheeler Street, and Pilgrim/Minuteman Drives. This Article will provide the necessary funding to construct the drainage improvements in an efficient manner, so that the roads that are already scheduled for sanitary sewer construction may have the necessary storm drainage improvements constructed at the same time.

Furthermore, the installation of proper storm drainage within the streets previously mentioned will greatly extend the life of the roadway pavement, minimize the erosion along the roadsides, reduce the runoff into private driveways and property, and address some of the roadway ponding/winter ice situations.

This Article will result in positive improvements to the Town's infrastructure and a positive return in investment for the community. Coupled with the Stormwater Master Plan activity that is currently underway, this bond is a very important step in addressing the Town's stormwater issues.

The total project cost is \$1.88 million, which would be financed by the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1.7 million and by the transfer of \$180,000 from the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund. If you have any questions about the projects, please contact Ed Chase at 424-5137.

***Estimated Property Tax Impact: \$2 per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation in 2007
and Declining Amounts of Between \$7 and \$4 per \$100,000 of Assessed
Valuation Thereafter During the 15-Year Bond Term***

ARTICLE 3 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET

The Municipal Operating Budget, which is the subject of Article 3, funds the general costs of operating all Town departments. The Municipal Operating Budget presented at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting from the Town Council was \$25,531,163. At the floor of Deliberative Session, several motions to amend the budget were made and the end result increased the proposed budget by \$261,286 to \$25,792,449. As of the date of publication of the Voter's Guide, the Town Council has not had the opportunity to reallocate this revised budget in the event it passes and thus no departmental breakdown is available. Wage adjustments for Local 3657 of AFSCME Council 93 union employees have not been included in the proposed municipal operating budget (Article 3) but are reflected in Article 4.

Capital Outlay

The proposed budget includes \$881,000 for transfer to capital reserve funds – a net increase of \$23,353. Other proposed capital outlay consists of the following and represents an increase in capital outlay of \$157,448.

Police patrol vehicles & detective car (lease)	\$ 82,800
Road paving and minor reconstruction projects	226,634
Media Equipment	75,000
Other items – less than \$50,000 each	<u>89,783</u>
Total	\$474,217

The Town of Merrimack uses capital reserve funds as a cost-effective method of financing the purchase or replacement of facilities, equipment, and infrastructure. Consistent amounts have been included in annual budgets for transfer to these funds in past years and in the budget submitted by the budget committee, so that sufficient monies are available when purchases or replacements are required. This spreads the related cost over the funding period, rather than requiring a large appropriation in the year of purchase or replacement, and thereby helps to stabilize property tax rates. Also, interest earned on monies held in capital reserve funds offsets a portion of the purchase or replacement cost and/or serves as a hedge against inflation. These capital reserve funds provide for the replacement of fire trucks, bridges, ambulances, police communication's equipment, Highway Division trucks and heavy equipment, as well as for other major capital outlay needs.

Projected Tax Rate

At this time, no projected Tax Rate has been determined due to the amendment that was passed at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting.

Debt Service

There are only two outstanding bond issues: 1995 Organic Waste Compost Facility Bonds - \$2,410,634.89 principal balance; and 2002 Greens Pond Land Acquisition Bonds - \$2,975,000 principal balance. Debt service costs for 2007-08 represent a decrease of \$9,624 and consist of the following:

1995 Organic Waste Compost Facility Bonds	\$367,449
2002 Greens Pond Land Acquisition Bonds	391,999
Contingency for tax anticipation notes	<u>1</u>
Total	\$759,449

Default Budget

If Article 3 should fail, an appropriation of \$26,185,901 would automatically become effective in accordance with New Hampshire Statutes. The Town Council would then be responsible for either holding a special meeting at which a revised Municipal Operating Budget appropriation would be considered or developing a revised Municipal Operating Budget within this amount.

ARTICLE 4

AFSCME LOCAL 3657 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

By approving Article 4, the Town would ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 3657 of AFSCME Council 93 and approve the wage and benefit adjustments contained therein. Included are a 0% wage adjustment for 2006-07, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2007-08, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2008-09, and a 3.50% wage adjustment for 2009-10. This agreement includes a 10% employee HMO health insurance cost sharing that will be applicable to new hires beginning on July 1, 2007, and a capped cost share of 1.0% in 2007-08 for all employees existing as of June 30, 2006, 1.5% in 2008-09, and 2.0% thereafter based on gross pay before overtime. The associated cost has been estimated at \$133,805. This agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments.

Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation:
\$4 in 2007-08; \$2 in 2008-09 and 2009-010

ARTICLE 5

FENCING ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE TRANSFER STATION

During the four years of operations at the new Transfer Station, the Town has experienced a significant amount of vandalism activity. Broken windows, graffiti, attempted break-ins, etc. continue to be of concern at this location. Costs to-date to repair the damage has been in excess of \$7,000. The taxpayers of Merrimack have invested approximately \$2 million in the Transfer Station building, Recycling building, scale-house, and site improvements. In addition, there are trucks, loaders, trailers, and recycling equipment onsite, with replacement value well in excess of \$500,000.00. The fencing will be constructed along the perimeter of the Transfer Station property and tie into the existing fence around the closed landfill.

Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: 2007 – Less than \$1 Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation

ARTICLE 6 DISABLED TAX EXEMPTIONS

This Article proposes to increase the disabled income limits as shown below. The revised amount would become effective on April 1, 2007. Net income and net asset limits, on which eligibility is based, would also change as shown below.

	Eligibility Amounts	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Net income including Social Security:		
Unmarried	\$ 35,000	\$ 45,000
Married – combined income	\$ 45,000	\$ 60,000
Net assets	\$200,000	\$200,000

Estimated Property Tax Impact: The impact is unknown. Additional property owners may become eligible under the proposed income limits

ARTICLE 7 WAR SERVICE VETERAN TAX CREDIT

This Article proposes to increase from \$300 to \$500 the property tax credit, which is presently offered to a war service veteran. Such tax credits were received by 1,196 veterans in 2006. The maximum tax credit permitted under NH Statutes is \$500. The proposed change would become effective on April 1, 2007.

Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: 2007 - \$8 Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation

ARTICLE 8 LAND USE CHANGE TAX

This Article proposes to reduce the current percentage going into the Current Use Change Tax Conservation Fund from 100% to 50% of the revenues collected. This tax is for properties that qualified for tax relief and no longer meet specifications for the current use. Since 2002, 100% of the Change Use Tax was given to the Conservation Fund. This Article proposes that 50% of the Change in Use Tax still be given to the Conservation Fund with the other 50% going into the General Fund as revenue.

Estimated 2007 Property Tax Bill Impact: If this Article is passed it could decrease your tax bill. No projected savings can be determined at this time

ARTICLE 9 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

This amendment is to clarify the duties of the Town election official to conduct all regular and special elections as well as the annual Town election.

Estimated 2007 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 10 PREPARATION OF BALLOTS

The New Hampshire Supreme Court invalidated the alphabetical listing of candidates on ballots. Since there are eight proposed bills in the current session of the legislature to correct this, the amendment language merely refers to the method used in New Hampshire State Law. This will reduce the prospect of further amendments to deal with changes in particular listing methods.

Estimated 2007 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 11 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Charter took effect on July 1, 2006. Article 4-3 of the Merrimack Town Charter requires the reorganization of the Town Council at the first Regular Meeting after the certification of the election. The current language states that the Chair and Vice Chair serve for one year. This is inconsistent with the succession language in other parts of the Charter. The amendment language makes the succession process uniform for all parts of the Charter.

Estimated 2007 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 12 FORM OF AMENDMENT

The Charter Commission wanted the method of publication used to indicate proposed changes in the Charter to be similar to the methodology used by the state legislature. The amendment makes the formatting of the amendments uniform for all changes. In addition, it is hoped that the format will make it easier to read on the ballot in the varying lighting conditions found at the three Town polling places.

Estimated 2007 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 13

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DEFINITION

This language is proposed by the Ethics Commission to return the language of the definition to that originally adopted by the Town in 2004 when the Ethics Ordinance was approved by the voters.

Estimated 2007 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

The Town will be conducting a survey to be given to each voter with the Town and School Official Ballot. The survey will ask a variety of questions about services the town provides to the residents. This survey also includes question to provide guidance for future planning for the Town Council. We would appreciate you taking the extra time to complete the survey. The information that will be gathered will assist the Town Council and Town department heads to the type of services you want to see. Thank You in advance





2007 Town Warrant

Town of Merrimack

8 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054



The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack in the County of Hillsborough in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the First Session (*Deliberative*) of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held at the Mastricola Upper Elementary School's All-Purpose Room on Baboosic Lake Road in said Merrimack on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening (pm) for explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV.

You are hereby notified that the Second Session (*Ballot Voting*) of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon (am) for the choice of town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the Official Ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on Official Ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The three polling places for the election of town officers, and other actions required to be inserted on the ballot, will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon (am) and will not close earlier than 8:00 o'clock in the evening (pm).

The three aforementioned polling places will be as follows:

Precinct 1 (Center) - Mastricola Upper Elementary School's All-Purpose Room, 26 Baboosic Lake Road

Precinct 2 (South) - St. John Neumann Church, 708 Milford Road (Route 101A)

Precinct 3 (North) - St. James Church, 646 Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3)

Article 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Town Council to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Town Council to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2007-08 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (2/3 ballot vote required for approval) (Recommended by the Town Council 5-0-0)

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,531,163? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,185,901, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Town Council 3-2-0)

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, (**supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments**) which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	0 %	\$ 0
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 133,805
2008-09	3.75 %	\$ 73,750
2009-10	3.50 %	\$ 71,179

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,805 for the 2007-08 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. (Recommended by the Town Council 5-0-0)

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 to install fencing along the perimeter of the Merrimack Transfer Station? This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until all the fencing is installed or by June 30, 2009, whichever is earlier. (Recommended by the Town Council 5-0-0)

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to amend the net income for the disabled exemption, pursuant to RSA 72:37-b, from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for a single applicant or, if married, a combined income from \$45,000 to \$60,000? In order to qualify for this yearly exemption, the applicant must meet the qualifications contained in RSA 72:37-b. If adopted, this amendment shall become effective as of April 1, 2007.

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to amend the optional veteran's real estate tax credit, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:28, from \$300 to \$500, the maximum allowed by law? In order to qualify for this yearly exemption, the applicant must meet the qualifications contained in RSA 72:28. If adopted, this amendment shall become effective as of April 1, 2007.

Article 8

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, IV, to change the percentage of the land use change tax collections deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund from 100% to 50%? The intent of this article is that only 50% of the collections received from the land use change tax are to be deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund and the other 50% received shall be deposited into the General Fund. If passed, this article shall take effect April 1, 2008.

Article 9

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicted in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article III, Section 3-4 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

- A. **[The election officers shall conduct regular and special elections on the dates specified by New Hampshire State law.]** The election officers, ~~whose duty it is to conduct regular and special elections,~~ shall use a Non-Partisan Official Ballot System as detailed in the election laws of the State of New Hampshire, on the second Tuesday in April to choose Town Councilors and such other officials as specified by this Charter, each of whom shall be elected by the voters of the entire town.

Article 10

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicted in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article III, Section 3-5 PREPARATION OF BALLOTS

The Town Clerk shall prepare separate ballots to be used at all local referenda and elections at which Town officers are chosen. The ballots shall contain in appropriate sections the names of all candidates, listed in ~~alphabetical order~~, [**as prescribed by New Hampshire State Law**] without party designation.

Article 11

Charter Amendment

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment reprinted below by deleting the language indicated by strikethrough and inserting the language as indicted in brackets and **bold type**. The amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Article IV, Section 4-3 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Council shall, by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) of its members, at its Organizational Meeting, chose one (1) of its members Chair ~~for a term of one (1) year~~ [**who shall hold office until their successor is duly elected by the Council**]. The Council shall choose one (1) of its members as Vice Chair ~~for a term of one (1) year~~ [**who shall hold office until their successor is duly elected by the Council**] who shall act in the absence or disability of the Chair. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall serve out the unexpired term. The Chair shall be the official head of the Town for all ceremonial purposes, shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and may speak and vote at such meetings.

Article 12

Charter Amendment

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Article V, Section 5-2 FORM (paragraph 2)

Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance, sections, or subsections to be repealed or amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by ~~enclosing it in brackets or strikeout~~ **[striketthrough]** type, and shall indicate new matter by ~~underscoring or by italics~~ **[enclosing it in brackets and using bold type]**.

Article 13

Charter Amendment

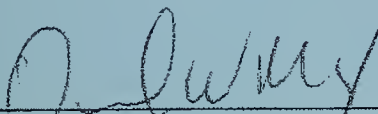
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Article IX, Section 9-4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- B. ~~A situation or circumstance in which an official or employee or a member of his or her family, directly or indirectly, has a financial interest, aside from his or her salary, greater than any other eitizen or tax payer.~~ **[A situation, circumstance, or financial interest that has the potential to cause a private or personal interest to interfere with the proper exercise of a public duty.]**

Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seven

MERRIMACK TOWN COUNCIL



David W. McCray, Chairman

Nancy M. Harrington, Councilor



Betty J. Spence, Vice Chairman

Michael R. Malzone, Councilor



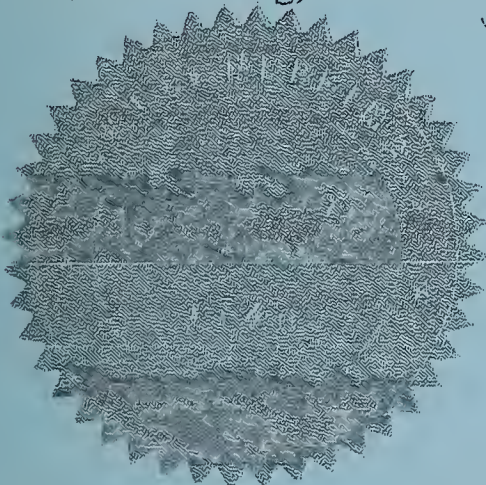
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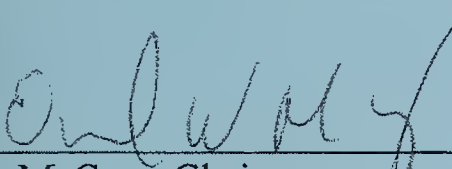


Thomas J. Mahon, Councilor



Attest: a true copy of the Warrant

MERRIMACK TOWN COUNCIL



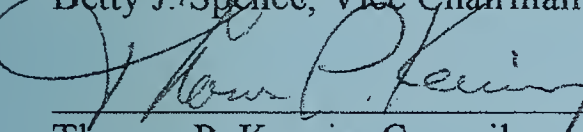
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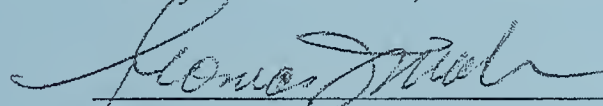
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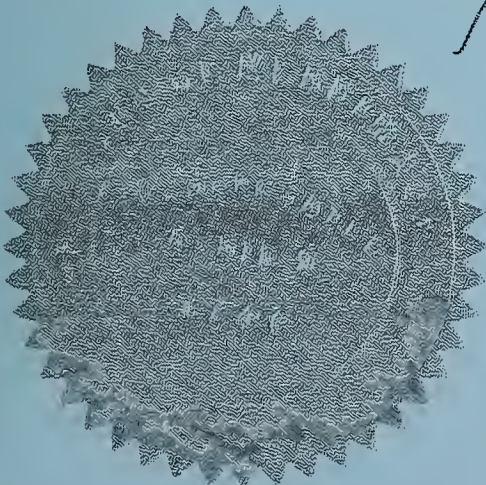
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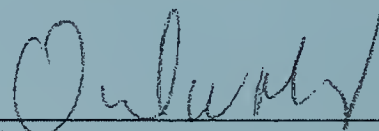
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Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire *Certificate of Service*

We, the Town Council, certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Hall and Town Library, being public places in said Town on or before the 26th day of February 2007.

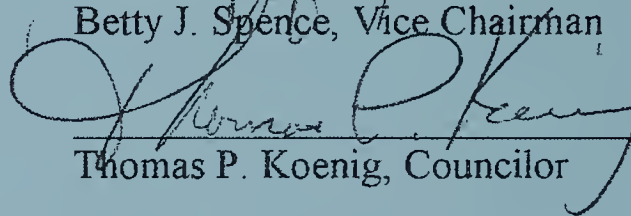
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David W. McCray, Chairman



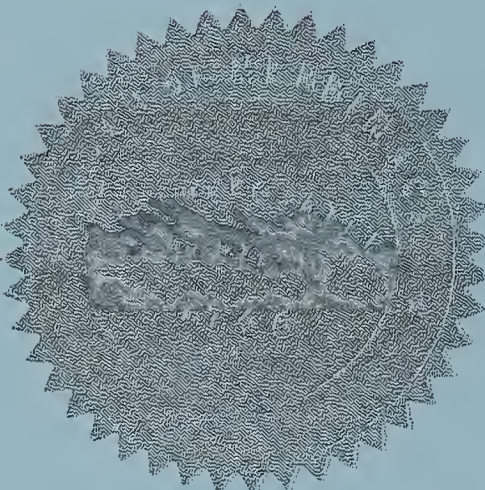
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: MERRIMACK

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

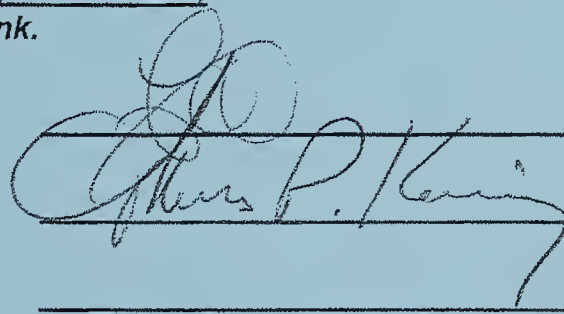
1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 23, 2007

GOVERNING BODY (COUNCIL)

Please sign in ink.


 Betty of Spence
 Town Clerk


 Charles P. Kering

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			2006-07	2005-06	2007-08	2007-08
4130-4139	Executive					
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	3	43,843	33,585	34,829	
4150-4151	Financial Administration					
4152	Revaluation of Property	3	311,001	272,441	276,515	
4153	Legal Expense					
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	3	988,942	822,520	915,926	
4194	General Government Buildings	3	350,090	321,833	347,044	
4195	Cemeteries					
4196	Insurance					
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Other General Government	3	2,003,657	2,082,298	1,770,163	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	3	4,517,719	4,150,873	4,817,927	
4215-4219	Ambulance					
4220-4229	Fire	3	4,301,809	3,861,808	4,296,669	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	9,608	4,828	4,657	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	3	644,954	609,739	675,340	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	3	402,949	302,511	344,471	
4312	Highways & Streets	3	2,094,456	2,002,109	2,083,940	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting					
4319	Other	3	427,276	367,469	381,617	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	1,435,972	1,281,796	1,451,992	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	3	3,228,904	2,826,575	3,246,544	

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			2006-07	2005-06	2007-08	2007-08
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	3	86,345	81,702	85,345	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	3	91,689	90,068	93,813	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	3	1,249,821	1,223,024	1,225,201	
4550-4559	Library	3	1,264,168	1,098,289	1,237,860	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	3	162,159	152,551	285,549	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	519,465	508,643	530,789	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	249,607	269,367	228,659	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3	1	-	1	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY			2006-07	2005-06	2007-08	2007-08
4901	Land	3	1	-	1	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	3	86,462	6,314,009	55,470	
4903	Buildings	3	13,006	228,677	19,907	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	3	184,000	271,493	226,634	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	3	880,947	1,602,300	894,300	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			25,548,851	30,780,508	25,531,163	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	-	-	1,708,000	-
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	-	-	43,000	-
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	1,751,000	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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4210-421	Police	4			133,805	
4909	Solid Waste Fence	5	-	-	30,000	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	163,805	XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			2006-07	2005-06	2007-08
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		22,000	29,380	15,300
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		5,844	3,012	3,900
3189	Other Taxes		305,000	329,127	325,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		216,025	191,341	216,025
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		600	485	50
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		4,300,000	4,292,307	4,300,000
3230	Building Permits		150,000	147,149	130,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		202,242	209,470	192,082
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		333	314,672	1,115,000
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		1,194,694	1,194,694	1,194,694
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		485,613	480,351	490,783
3354	Water Pollution Grant		72,452	72,451	72,452
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		322,049	22,554	905,078
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		5,547,593	10,574,601	4,515,445
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		22,500	575	22,500
3502	Interest on Investments		734,500	1,118,255	535,000
3503-3509	Other		132,334	160,188	135,513

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			2006-07	2005-06	2007-08
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		2,735,151	179	-
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		2,000	16,022	2,000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				1,708,000
Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			1,005,408	503,433	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			17,456,338	19,660,247	15,878,822

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	25,548,851	25,531,163
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	-	1,751,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	-	163,805
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	25,548,851	27,445,968
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	17,456,338	15,878,822
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	8,092,513	11,567,146

DEFAULT BUDGET

TOWN OF MERRIMACK

For the Fiscal Year from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

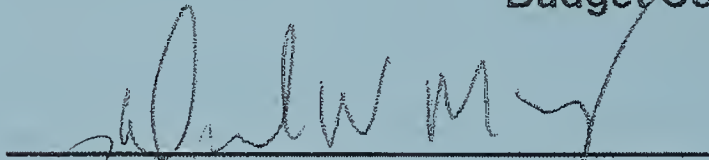
RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

GOVERNING BODY (COUNCIL)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted



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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2007-08

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	-	-	-	-
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	43,843	-	-	43,843
4150-4151	Financial Administration	-	-	-	-
4152	Revaluation of Property	311,001	3,043	-	314,044
4153	Legal Expense	-	-	-	-
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	-	-	-	-
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning/Community Development	988,942	9,047	-	997,989
4194	General Government Buildings	350,090	2,298	-	352,388
4195	Cemeteries	-	-	-	-
4196	Insurance	-	-	-	-
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	-	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	2,003,657	20,346	-	2,024,003
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	4,517,719	181,324	-	4,699,043
4215-4219	Ambulance	-	-	-	-
4220-4229	Fire and Ambulance	4,301,809	177,009	-	4,478,818
4240-4249	Building Inspection	-	-	-	-
4290-4298	Emergency Management	9,608	-	-	9,608
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	644,954	6,551	-	651,505
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations	-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	402,949	4,268	-	407,217
4312	Highways & Streets	2,094,456	66,542	-	2,160,998
4313	Bridges	-	-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting	-	-	-	-
4319	Other	427,276	29,000	-	456,276
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	-	-	-	-
4323	Solid Waste Collection	-	-	-	-
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	1,435,972	52,654	-	1,488,626
4325	Solid Waste Clean-Up	-	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	3,228,904	84,782	-	3,313,686

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration	-	-	-	-
4332	Water Services	-	-	-	-
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other	-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	-	-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs	-	-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs	-	-	-	-
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	-	-	-	-
4414	Pest Control	-	-	-	-
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	86,345	-	-	86,345
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	91,689	-	-	91,689
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	-	-	-	-
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	-	-	-	-
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	1,249,821	19,810	-	1,269,631
4550-4559	Library	1,264,168	-	-	1,264,168
4583	Patriotic Purposes	-	-	-	-
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	162,159	-	-	162,159
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Natural Resources	-	-	-	-
4619	Other Conservation	-	-	-	-
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	-	-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	519,465	11,324	-	530,789
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	249,607	(20,948)	-	228,659
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	1	-	-	1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	-	-	-	-

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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2007-08

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land	1	-	-	1
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	86,462	-	-	86,462
4903	Buildings	13,006	-	-	13,006
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	184,000	-	-	184,000
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	-	-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund	-	-	-	-
	Sewer-	-	-	-	-
	Water-	-	-	-	-
	Electric-	-	-	-	-
	Airport-	-	-	-	-
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	880,947	(10,000)	-	870,947
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds-except #4917	-	-	-	-
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds	-	-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds	-	-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	25,548,851	637,050	-	26,185,901

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases and Reductions - Column 4	Amount
	Debt Service:	
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2006-07	(519,465)
	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2007-08	530,789
	Reduction	11,324
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2006-07	(249,607)
	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2007-08	228,659
	Reduction	(20,948)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund One time expenditure Milfoil	(10,000)
	Employee wage and benefit cost adjustments re: collective bargaining agreements:	
4199	Other General Government	8,278
4210-4214	Police	124,345
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	137,010
4312	Highways & Streets	50,079
4319	Other	24,010
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	62,186
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	22,931
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	13,700
	Total	442,539

Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2007-08

Acct #	Explanation for Increases and Reductions - Column 4 (continued)	Amount
	Contract - solid waste tipping fees:	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	24,360
	Contract - NH Retirement	
4152	Revaluation of Property	3,043
4194	General Government Buildings	2,298
4199	Other General Government	12,068
4299	Other (including Communications)	6,551
4311	Administration	4,268
4312	Highways & Streets	16,463
4319	Other	4,990
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	5,363
4326	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	22,596
4520	Parks & Recreation	6,110
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning/Community Development	9,047
4210-4214	Police	56,979
4220-4229	Fire and Ambulance	39,999
	Total	189,775
	Total Reductions and Increases	637,050

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2007-08 DEFAULT BUDGET

	2006-07 Voted <u>Budget</u>	2007-08 Default <u>Budget</u>
General Town operations and charges - Article 7	25,180,319	25,180,319
Teamsters Local 633 collective bargaining agreement - Article 8		
2006-07 \$ 44,103	44,103	44,103
2007-08 \$ 34,587		34,587
2008-09 \$ 26,516		-
IBPO Local 320 collective bargaining agreement - Article 9:		
2006-07 \$128,192	128,192	128,192
2007-08 \$ 96,454		96,454
2008-09 \$ 77,035		-
2009-10 \$ 70,988		-
2010-11 \$ 70,756		-
IAFF collective bargaining agreement - Article 10		
2006-07 \$117,068	117,068	117,068
2007-08 \$109,119		109,119
2008-09 \$ 80,135		-
2009-10 \$ 79,704		-
2010-11 \$ 84,477		-
AFSCME 2986 collective bargaining agreement - Article 11		
2006-07 \$ 69,169	69,169	69,169
2007-08 \$ 91,848		91,848
2008-09 \$ 86,861		-
2009-10 \$ 85,985		-
Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species - Article 14	10,000	-
Union Contract Benefit increases		110,531
State Mandate for Retirement		189,775
Solid waste disposal tipping fees	-	24,360
Debt service:		
2005-06	-	(769,073)
2006-07	-	759,449
Total	25,548,851	26,185,901

Standing Meeting Schedule for Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Tuesday (TBA) – Town Hall Conference Room at 7:30 PM

Conservation Commission

2nd and 4th Monday of the month – Town Hall Conference Room at 7:00 PM

Heritage Commission

1st Wednesday of the month – Town Hall Conference Room at 2:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Committee

3rd Wednesday of the month – Town Hall Conference Room at 7:00 PM
(No meeting July/August)

Planning Board

Every Tuesday – Courtroom at 7:30 PM

Town Council

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month – Courtroom at 7:00 PM

Watson Park Committee

Every Thursday – Town Hall Conference Room at 2:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4th Thursday of the month – Courtroom at 7:00 PM

Dates and times may vary. For information, please call the Town Manager's Office at 424-2331.

Town Hall Complex Hours

Code Enforcement/Inspection, Community Development, Planning and Zoning

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

District Court

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Assessing, Parks and Recreation, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Manager's Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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A Piece of Merrimack History

Built in 1907 and widened in 1934, the Merrimack Village Dam is 20 feet high and 145 feet long. Around 1900, it was purchased for the purpose of building a power plant to generate hydroelectric power. Presently, the Dam is owned by the Pennichuck Water Works. Its aesthetic beauty, during the change of seasons, is enjoyed by Merrimack residents.

Emergency 911
Police • Fire • Ambulance

Assessor	424-5136
Code Enforcement & Inspection	424-3531
Community Development	424-3531
Conservation Commission	424-3531
District Court	424-9916
Finance Department	424-7075
Fire Department/Administration	424-3690
Highway Garage	423-8551
Library	424-5021
Merrimack Village District	424-7171
Parks & Recreation	882-1046
Planning & Zoning	424-3531
Police Department/Administration	424-3774
Public Works/Administration	424-5137
Superintendent of Schools	424-6200
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	424-3651
Town Council	424-2331
Town Manager	424-2331
Transfer Station & Recycling	424-2604
Wastewater Facility	883-8196
Welfare	423-8535